

INTIMATE CARE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

No child is excluded from participating in Daisies Montessori Nursery School who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or the equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

PROCEDURES

- We have set times of the day when children who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' are changed, and we change more frequently where necessary.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. Each child has their own nappies or 'pull-ups' and changing wipes provided by parents in their school bags.
- Our staff put on gloves before changing starts and the area is prepared. The changing mat is wiped down before and after using it with a child.
- All of our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies
- Our staff inform colleagues when they are about to change a nappy with a child.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed some time for play as they explore the water and the soap.
- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid for young children; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or 'pull-ups' is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or 'pull-up' is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, training pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/'pull-ups' in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.