



Noah's Ark Pre-School

Registered Charity Number 1077417

Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We expect parents/guardians to start toilet training with their child and inform us accordingly.

We will work in partnership with parents towards toilet training. We support children who have a medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

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

- Young children from two years should wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Nappy changing duties will be undertaken by whichever member of staff is available to deal with the child.
- Changing areas are warm and there is a changing unit to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Children will be given their own nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes as provided by their parents. A supply is maintained within the setting in case of accidents.
- Gloves are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down for the child to lie on.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures (clean surfaces before and after) and carry these out when changing nappies.

- In addition, each person ensures that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Young children are encouraged 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.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used 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.
- Each person is gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- No person makes inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of 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, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- We have a duty of care towards children's personal needs. Children will not be left in very wet and soiled nappies/pull ups.
- We expect parents to hand over their children in clean nappies.