

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

The provider must promote the good health of the children attending the setting

Beech Green Nursery and Out of School Clubs



Nappy changing and intimate care

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our provision who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or 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 make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice 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

- Key persons or familiar staff undertake changing children.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay children down.
- Where applicable, each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups', changing wipes or a change of clothes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing children.
- In addition, staff ensure that 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.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing them.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- When a child needs a nappy change any soil (faeces) in nappies is flushed down the toilet.

- All nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are double bagged for the parent to take home. All soiled items waiting to be sent home are placed in the lidded bin in the bathroom area (Nursery).
- Surface areas used for changing nappies are wiped down after each use with antibacterial wipes, specifically bought for this purpose.
- If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.