

6.4 Nappy changing

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 when the parents and child are ready, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate.

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.

- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need changing.
- Young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Each young child has their own bag with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the nappy mat is cleaned before and after use. Gloves are always worn for any nappy change.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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.
- 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 are also encouraged to wash their hands with soap and paper towels are accessible. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap regularly 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. There may be occasions however when the use of antibacterial soap is necessary.
- Please discuss with us when you are planning to toilet train your child. We would always recommend having a consistent approach at Pre-School and at home. We do a reward sticker chart for the child when we think it will be beneficial to their development and communicate their progress with you throughout the process. Younger children are always supervised in the toilets as well as being assisted as necessary.



When a member of staff intervenes and assists the child with wiping, this will be recorded on a Toilet help chart. Any accidents are dealt with sensitively and in the same manner as changing a nappy.

- We encourage the older children (within one year of starting school) to access the toilet when they have the need to and to go to the toilet independently to prepare them for school.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer underwear and ordinary underwear that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home. Underwear that has been heavily soiled will be disposed of in the interest of good hygiene, unless otherwise stated by the parent.
- All nappy changes and toileting accidents are recorded.
- If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups/underwear in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

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Crick Pre-School

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Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Chair