

WORLINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Intimate Care Policy

Nappy Changing:

Statement of Intent

Children have the right to a clean and safe nappy changing environment.

Aims

No child will be excluded or discriminated against due to their not yet being fully continent. The child's dignity and individuality will be adhered to at all times.

All areas used for nappy changing will be clean, safe and, as far as possible, private.

Methods

We do not discriminate against or exclude any child from our early years setting because s/he are not yet fully continent. Some young children may still be working towards full continence or may remain incontinent for a prolonged period of time because they may have a specific medical condition or others may not have yet achieved this stage of development. The key person will agree a procedure for dealing with the changing of a child with parents/carers and will have regular discussions with parents/carers to develop a consistent approach at home and in the setting.

All staff will be informed

1. Of the child's needs and possible causes.
2. How the parent/carer manages the situation at home.
3. Preference in terms of practical care, e.g. use of water or baby wipes, preferred method of toilet training.
4. Develop a consistent approach at home and in the setting.

For children who are likely to spend a prolonged period of time in nappies (i.e. due to a medical condition/learning difficulty) the setting will use the information given to us by the parents/carers to develop a care plan.

We have an accessible facility, separate from the main group, which is safe and protects the dignity of the child.

Parents/carers should send in a named bag containing the relevant equipment for dealing with nappy changing.

The pre-school provides disposable gloves and a changing mat. All soiled disposable nappies and gloves are disposed of in an outside dustbin. Reusable nappies will be put in a named double sealed bag and returned to the parent/carer.

Permission for staff to change nappies and/or clothes is on the registration/application form.

All staff are made aware of the procedure for the changing of nappies.

Toileting

Statement of Intent

The pre-school encourages children to be independent in their toileting.

Aims

Children will be able to use the toilet in a safe and clean environment, with assistance if required. Staff will ensure that all children's dignity and individuality will be upheld at all times.

Methods

Children will be encouraged to be independent when going to the toilet, however, if the child asks for adult assistance the following will be observed:

1. Only paid members of staff, who have a DBS check will be allowed to take the children to the toilet.
2. Children will be encouraged where possible to pull up and down their trousers, tights and pants.
3. Children and adults will wash their hands after using the toilet.

In the event of a child soiling, the following will be observed

1. Disposable gloves will be worn to prevent the risk of infection.
2. The child's dignity will be respected, other children will not be allowed to stand in the area unless they are using the facilities.
3. The child's clothes will be changed, the soiled clothes will be put into a named doubled sealed plastic bag and removed from the area, usually being put out into the lobby to go into child's bag.
4. The gloves and wipes (if used) will be disposed of straight away into the outside bin.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Worlingham Pre-school

Held on 6th November 2019

Signed _____
On behalf of the Management Committee/Proprietor

Role of Signatory _____

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