

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies.



## **Busy Bee Preschool Millbrook EY555386**

### **6.4 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 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 can learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

#### **Procedures**

- We have a member of staff dedicated to personal care every day, children in nappies are changed at least once during their sessions (3 hours) more if needed
- Nappy changes are recorded in a changing book with date, staff member, toilet type and any comments ie: soreness is recorded.
- Staff will apply cream when needed which is provided and specified by parents/carers, consent forms are signed on enrolment.
- We do not promote the use of pull ups, pull ups to a young child in the process of being toilet trained feel no different to a nappy, having wet and soiled a nappy since born, they see no reason not to do the same in pull-ups and children can become distressed when being changed whilst wearing a pull up as they need to be completely undressed. For this reason, we ask that until a child is ready to wear normal underwear, they continue to wear nappies while in preschool, once wearing normal underwear we will support toilet training and happily change when necessary and encourage the child to use the toilet frequently.
- We will allow children to use their own, hygienic potties if really necessary, but they must be brought to the setting clean and in good condition. We will encourage the use of a toilet as soon as possible and ask that you do the same at home but will always follow what is best for your child.

- We ask that you ensure your child arrives at preschool in dry, clean nappies and that if the child soils their nappy on the way to preschool you change them before they are left for the session.
- Children are always changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy.
- Our changing area consists of a changing mat which is laid on the floor in the bathroom areas.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies and wipes.
- Our staff wear gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared, a paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child. Gloves are not always required for a wet nappy where there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always work for a 'soiled' nappy.
  - All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
  - Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
  - Staff are gentle when changing; they 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 time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
  - We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap 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, whilst the are always supervised we respect their privacy.
- As we have no nappy disposal system in preschool, nappies are bagged and returned to parents for disposable at the end of their child's session.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs, if children are left in wet or soiled nappies in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

This policy was adopted by

Busy Bee preschool Millbrook

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

Owner/manager