



# CODICOTE PRE-SCHOOL

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## 6.4 Nappy changing & Toilet Training

### Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our pre-school 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 have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

### Nappy Training Procedures

- Our key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies according to this schedule, or more frequently where necessary.
- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Each child has their own nappies or pull ups and wipes are provided.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. 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.
- We are gentle when changing; we 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.

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and pull ups that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home, due to the limitation of our rental premises.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the pre-school this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

## Toilet Training

If you think that your child is ready to toilet train, then please talk to your child's keyperson/ the leader so that we can agree a strategy. We may not accept a child in pants/knickers without any discussion beforehand. If your child arrives at the setting with no nappies without discussion first, then we will provide nappies/pull ups for the child to wear whilst at the setting.

If your child regularly refuses to use the potty/toilet in our setting or has frequent accidents, then they are not ready to toilet train at the setting and will need to wear nappies/ pull ups at the setting. This is for the protection of all children in our care. We will wait longer until the child's keyperson in discussion with the parents believes the time is suitable to toilet train at the setting.

This policy was adopted by	<u>Codicote Pre-school</u>	<i>(name of provider)</i>
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