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6.4 Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating at Broadhill 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.

Procedures

- Key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' - This list is within the Nappy Changing Facility.
- Children from two years should normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Nappy changing is completed by staff rota or Key Person/Buddy
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Babies and young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Each child or adult retrieves the child's personal bag that has been provided by the Parents containing Nappies and wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. (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 worn for a 'soiled' nappy)

The mat is cleaned with Diluted Disinfectant Spray after every use making the changing mat fresh for each child.

- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.



- In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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.
- After Nappy Change children are taken (initially) to wash their hands (after a while you remind the child and they take themselves), they have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used 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 so we provide normal Hand Foam Soap Liquid.
- 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 their nappies.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.
- After every Nappy Change the 'Nappy Record Book' is completed.