

Nappy and Toilet Training Policy



I am happy to accept babies and children in nappies. I will need you to provide me with the following:

- Nappies
- Any cream that you use on your child
- Baby wipes
- A change of clothing

I will provide a changing mat, which will be wiped over with disinfectant between each use and nappy sacks for the disposal of used nappies. I will always use plastic gloves when changing your child's nappy to reduce risk of cross contamination. If your child is allergic to these please let me know.

I am happy to take a child in real/cloth nappies – a suitable wet-bag must be provided.

I will change your child regularly and immediately if they have soiled a nappy. I believe that changing a nappy should provide lots of opportunity to communicate with your child and as their understanding grows provide time to discuss basic hygiene issues, preparing them for potty training. (Examples of this can be found in the Birth to three matters framework)

When your child starts to show signs that they are becoming aware of their bodily functions I will arrange a convenient time to meet with you and discuss your plans on potty/toilet training your child. It is unusual for a child to be ready to be potty trained much before their second birthday and for some children it can be a lot later. Please do not be concerned if your child shows no signs of being ready yet. It is very important that we work together to potty train your child and pick a suitable time to do it, when we can both dedicate time.

Children must be able to ask to use the toilet confidently, and until they are demonstrating that ability whilst in the setting they must wear pull-ups or reusable pull-ups, with knickers/pants underneath to feel wetness. This is because in a busy setting it is not possible to both clean up an accident and clean up a child – and we cannot risk other children being able to play in puddles of wee or poo. If we start the training and your child is not ready then we can stop and start again when they are. Some children take to potty training overnight for some it is a longer process, the most important thing is that we work together to give your child the support and reassurance they need during this period. I will provide you with daily feedback on how we are progressing with the training.

Toilet training can look very different at home compared to in a childcare setting. I am unable to accept requests for children to spend time without trousers/underwear.

Please do not send your child without a pull up on until it has been agreed with us – even if they are completely dry at home – if this occurs I will ask you to take your child home, and full fee's will be due.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss your child's potty training.