

Felixstowe Nursery School

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement : Health

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

Nappy changing

Statement: - Our setting does not exclude any child from the nursery who may, for any reason, still require to wear nappies/pull ups or require additional support and assistance with their toileting. We support the child and the parents towards toilet training taking into account any medical or developmental conditions and adapt to suit the individual. We consider toilet training as a self-care skill. We support and encourage and provide opportunity to access these skills as and when the individual child feels able.

Procedures

- Gloves and aprons are put on prior to changing nappies and all equipment is gathered in preparation.
- Children are laid on a changing mat on the floor so they cannot fall.
- The changing mat is disinfected between each use.
- All staff are aware of hygiene procedures and adhere to them when changing a child.
- Key persons change their key children when possible.
- There are always two staff present whilst a child is being changed and the child's privacy and dignity is maintained at all times.
- We encourage parents to put their child in pull-ups as soon as they comfortable with this and parents feel this is appropriate for them.
- Staff are always gentle when changing and avoid making comments about the contents of the nappy.
- Staff will not make negative comments or gestures when changing a child.
- Children are encouraged to use the toilet as soon as they take an interest in it.
- Staff assist as and when required until the child is confident enough to access independently.
- Hygiene is promoted and encouraged at all times and children are encouraged to wash their hands using soap and water.
- Children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to whoever else is in the other toilet.
- Nappies and pull ups are bagged and disposed of hygienically. Pants that are wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parents 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.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Felixstowe Nursery School.

Held on

Date to be reviewed.....

Signed by Chairperson.....

Signed by Manager.....