

6.4 Nappy Changing Policy



No child is excluded from Mereworth 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.

Mereworth Pre-School 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 Changing Procedure

- One key person will undertake changing children in their key groups.
- Young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Nappies and wipes should be supplied by the child's parents in a named bag.
- We have a designated area for changing nappies.
- The changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. There is a poster of interest to take the child's attention.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- 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 leaves 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 wash their hands and have soap and paper towels to hand.

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- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically.
- Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.

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