

# Nappy Changing

## Statement of Intent

We wish to include all children in our setting and understand that children arrive at nursery at different stages in their development and that some children will still be in nappies.

We work with parents towards toilet training unless there are any medical or developmental reasons why this would be inappropriate.

In accordance with environmental health regulations the nursery will provide the necessary equipment which includes disposable gloves, disposable aprons, disposable towels, nappy sacks, anti-bacterial cleaners and waterproof changing mats.

Our aim is to make sure our changing areas are clean, warm and safe.

EYFS key themes and commitments:

Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	4.4 Areas of Learning and Development

### Policy for Parents/Carers

In order to care for your child's physical needs we ask that parents/carers:

- Make sure that wherever possible children arrive at nursery wearing a clean nappy.
- Provide enough nappies and wipes/cotton wool to cover each session in order for us to change your child so that their individual needs can be met.  
NOTE: Our regular changing times are after morning snack, after lunch and after afternoon tea. A further check will be made around between 5pm and 5:30pm for children who are still at nursery and children will have a further nappy change at this time if it is deemed necessary. Spot checks will be made by key workers between these times to make sure your child remains dry and comfortable throughout their time with us at nursery.
- If you wish your child to have a 'moisturising' cream applied at each nappy change please make sure this is also in their bag. Suggested creams are Sudocream Care & Protect, Metanium Everyday, Burt's Bees Ointments & Creams, Zinc & Caster Cream, Waitrose Bottom Butter etc. This is not an exhaustive list but these creams are acceptable for every day use and do not contain medication.
- We will NOT apply any cream which contains ANY form of medication which has not been previously signed in by the parent/carer. It is the responsibility of the

parent/carer to inform a member of staff that their child has medication in their bag.

- Discuss any issues arising from this policy with the child's key worker.

### **Policy for Staff**

The nursery will ensure that:

- Only a person with relevant police checks will change children's nappies.
- No 'medicated' nappy creams will be used prior to them being signed in by a parent/carer.
- Children's nappies will be changed in a private, designated area which complies with Health, Hygiene and Safety regulations.
- Although these areas are private, they are not secret and the member of staff can still be easily seen and heard by other staff members.
- The designated areas/mats etc. will be cleaned before and after a child is changed with a suitable anti-bacterial cleaner.
- A child will never be left alone on the changing mat.
- Staff will wear clean disposable gloves for each child. Staff will also wear a disposable apron at the start of each nappy changing session and dispose of the apron after the nappy changing is completed.
- Appropriate hand washing facilities will be available for the adult and the child and hands will be washed using bacterial soap and dried thoroughly with a paper towel after completing the procedure.
- All nappies/wipes etc will be double bagged and placed in the appropriate nappy bin. If there is an exceptionally soiled 'smelly' nappy this should also be double bagged and not left inside the nursery but taken outside at the end of the nappy change and put inside the yellow bag which will be currently in use in the bin.
- The child's privacy will be respected at all times during nappy changing
- If the parent/carer has any queries or concerns about this policy please do not hesitate to contact their child's key worker or the nursery manager.

**Related Documents: Nappy Changing Procedure (Pg 82)**

**All Policy documents are subject to regular review  
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