

Nappy and Toilet Training Policy

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

- Nappies
- Any cream that you use on your child
- Baby wipes

We will provide a changing mat, which will be wiped over with a bleach solution between each use and nappy sacks for the disposal of used nappies. We will always use plastic gloves (non latex) when changing your child's nappy to reduce risk. If your child is allergic to these please let me know.

We will change your child regularly and immediately if they have soiled a nappy. We 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.

When your child starts to show signs that they are becoming aware of their bodily functions we will arrange a convenient time to talk 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 18 months, and for some children it can be 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. 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. We will provide you with daily feedback in our emailed diary on how we are progressing with the training.

In order to help your child become independent in going to the toilet we can provide the following equipment:

Potties
Toilet trainer seat
Steps for the toilet and the wash basin
Potty training sticker sheets

Whilst it is entirely the parent's choice as to when they start potty training, should we feel the child is not ready, i.e. that they are regularly urinating on through their clothes onto the floor/furniture that we would need to respectfully request that the parent implement the use of "training pull ups" until such time as the child is regularly "dry".

We do of course do all we can to assist in the potty training, but matters of hygiene would become an issue should frequent urination onto the floors/furniture where other children could possibly stand/crawl/place hands into the urine.

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

Policy reviewed on 20 May 2013 next review due May 2014 or sooner should legislation change.