Hedgehogs Nursery - Intimate Care Procedure

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This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Policy. The terms of the Safeguarding Policy are to take precedence over the guidelines set down in any other policy.

No child is excluded from participating in our setting 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.

Within the toilet area there is room to change nappies and we exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained. We 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.

PROCEDURES

- Key persons are aware of the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' and those children who have occasional accidents.
- Young children should wear 'pull-ups' or other types of training pants as soon as they are comfortable to do so.
- The relevant equipment is at hand before starting the changing procedure.
- We use the largest toilet for changing and ensure the door is always left open, whilst ensuring as much privacy as possible.
- Our staff put on gloves and new gloves are used each time a new child is changed.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet.
- If the potty is used staff ensure it is emptied and cleaned as soon as possible.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.
- Parents/Carers will be informed of the accident.
- If bruising, marks or anything else unexplained is observed a report will be sent to the School Designated Safeguarding Lead.