

## St Michael's Pre-school

### Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

## Promoting health and hygiene

### 1.17 Nappy changing

#### Policy statement

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.

We make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice 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.

#### EYFS key themes and commitments

A 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	

#### Procedures

- Key persons are aware of personalised changing times for the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'. This information is sought at the home visit and detailed on the 'intimate care agreement'.
- Young children may wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.

- Where possible Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; other key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own bag on their peg with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- Gloves are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is checked to make sure that it is clean for each child. Gloves are not always required for a wet nappy where there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always worn for a 'soiled' nappy.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- In addition, key persons ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Young children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- They are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They can play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Key persons do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are bagged and put in the child's bag. The bag is sent home at the end of the session. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged, stored and sent home in a similar way.
- All staff record when a change of clothing, soiled nappy, soiled clothing or intimate care and self-care support has taken place. This record keeping is in line with GDPR and our Confidentiality policy.
- 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

St Michael's Pre-school

Held on

19/04/2021

(date)

Date to be reviewed

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Signed on behalf of the management  
committee

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Name of signatory

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Ellena Lloyd

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

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Chair of the Management Committee  
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