



Maeda Gakuen

Safeguarding & Welfare: Nappy Changing

Policy statement

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 see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support of adults.

Procedures

- ♣ Young children from two years should wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- ♣ Parents are encouraged to liaise with the keyworker regarding the readiness of each child to begin toilet training.
- ♣ Parents should always ensure there are sufficient changes of clothes available for their child during the training process as we are not always able to provide spare clothes.
- ♣ Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- ♣ 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 basket to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- ♣ Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- ♣ All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies. As a reminder, these are also displayed clearly in the nappy changing areas.
- ♣ 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 should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels or hand dryers to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- ♣ Key persons are gentle when changing; older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- ♣ Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Soiled clothes are placed in a plastic bag which is named and placed in a separate box for parent to take home.
- ♣ If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

This policy was revised in August 2017 by Nikita Phadnavis (Manager) of Maeda Gakuen Yochien.