

General Welfare Requirement: Suitable premises, environment, and equipment
 The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.



3. Health and safety

3.11 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. 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 toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children can learn with the full support and non-judgmental 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 wellbeing	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

Procedures

- Staff make a daily list of reminder/check times for the young children in their care who are in nappies.
- All staff are aware of which children are in nappies in each session so that any which are wet/soiled are detected straight away.
- Parents also have a responsibility to keep Preschool up to date about changes in toileting, for example ceasing toilet training and returning to nappies, so that staff are aware of the child's individual requirements.
- Parents are encouraged to give children enough time to be secure with their intimate care, for example toilet training children over a termly break rather than

a weekend. Parents need to recognise that there is a difference between being dry at home on a one-to-one basis and that of a preschool environment.

- Preschool will continue to support toilet training and the child's own potty may be brought in for support.
- Preschool does not allow pull ups, as this hinders the toilet training process. Nappies are recommended and then pants for toilet training.
- Staff notifies the other staff before taking a child to the toilet area to change them, observing their individual need for sufficient privacy.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned, ensuring that children's privacy is considered.
- Each young child has their own changing bag with their nappies and changing wipes, sacks, nappy cream etc, that parental permission is signed for in their child's Admission Form to administer, that they bring with them each session, which is hung on their named pegs. An acceptable list of creams that can be administered by preschool staff is Sudocrem, or similar at the discretion of the Manager.
- Gloves and aprons are available to put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Both children and staff are encouraged to wash their hands appropriately afterwards.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or child's own soap should be used for young children.
- Staff are gentle when changing and considerate of the child's individual needs.
- The changing mat is cleaned with antibacterial cleaner after each child is changed.
- After changing a child, the member of staff records the relevant details on the Tapestry Care Diary form reporting any concerns to parents on collection. For any safeguarding concerns refer to our Safeguarding and child protection policy.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- As there are no facilities on the premises for the disposal of nappies are bagged for the parent to take home. Cloth nappies, nappies and pants that have been wet or soiled are also bagged for the parent to take home.
- NB, if young children are left in wet or soiled nappies in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

Links to other policies and forms include:

- 1.1 Safeguarding children and child protection

- 1.9 Maintaining children's safety and security on the premises

This policy was updated at a meeting of **Comeytrove Under Fives Preschool Management Committee**

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