

Moulton Pre-School – Intimate Care Policy

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Intimate Care Policy

Moulton Pre-school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at all times and expects everybody working within this setting to share this commitment.

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-judgmental concern of adults.

At Moulton Pre-school we believe that every child should feel clean and comfortable. and we will hold the dignity of the child in high priority

Aim

- We aim to assist with each child's toilet training by encouraging the use of our toilets, regardless of wearing a nappy/pull-ups.
- To change a child as and when is necessary and providing equipment to do so.

Procedures

- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Gloves and aprons are 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.
- 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 to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff 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.

Method

- We will provide a safe and clean area in the way of the disable toilet which to clean and change a child.
- Staff will not close themselves in the room and will inform another member of staff they are changing a child

- We provide disposable gloves and aprons for the staff to wear each time a child is changed.
- We provide a changing mat and clean towel on which to change the child, and are cleaned after each use.
- We request parents to provide a bag on their child's peg at each session, containing a change of clothes and nappies/pull ups if apply.
- We do have a limited supply of change of clothes.
- We use sensitive baby wipes for cleaning a child but we will always check with parents in case of any allergies.
- A changing slip will be filled in and placed in the child's book bag.
- All dirty nappies/pull ups are disposed of in a nappy bag and placed in the outside bin when finished changing the child.
- All dirty clothes are put in a plastic carrier bag and kept away from the children and are then handed to the parent/carer upon collection of the child.

NB We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. 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.