

INTIMATE CARE, NAPPY CHANGING & TOILETING POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

No child is excluded from participating at St. Eval Preschool who may, for any reason, may not be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies.

No child should be made to feel distressed, embarrassed or in pain during intimate care.

We work with parents / carers towards toilet training, unless there is a medical or other developmental reason why this may not be appropriate.

We recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect when intimate care is given. The child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance.

We have necessary toileting and hygiene practice in order to accommodate and support children who are yet to be toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children will develop with the full support of associated adults.

All toilettings will be done promptly and discreetly and within access of other staff.

PROCEDURES

At St. Eval Preschool, nappy changing takes place on a changing table at the back of Sprites classroom. The area is warm and safe to lay young children when they need to be changed. The area has been adapted to be a discreet, yet fun area for the children. Using decoration and point of pictures on the walls, to initiate engagement and conversation during changing time.

We ask that children arrive to their session in a clean, dry nappy. Each child provides their own supply of nappies and wipes. A supply will always be kept for emergencies. Gloves and aprons are put on by the staff member before the changing starts, and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is sanitised and clean after each change in preparation for the next child.

All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and follow these when changing nappies. Practitioners ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children. Young children are encouraged to talk and take interest in using the toilet or potty, even if just exploring them. We ask that parents send their child with plenty of spare clothing and underwear during potty-training. It is also encouraged for children to wear simple items of clothing, that they will be able to pull down independently.

They are encouraged to wash their hands using soap and water.

Staff are gentle when changing children. Staff avoid making inappropriate comments about the nappy's contents or a child's genitals. Nappies are disposed of appropriately. Any underwear or clothing that has been soiled, will be bagged and ready to pass onto parent / carer at the end of the child's session. St. Eval Preschool has a duty of care towards children's personal needs.

Older children access the toilet when they need to and are encouraged to be independent.