

Blackhall Nursery

Nappy Changing Policy

Policy Statement

No child is excluded from attending our Nursery as a result of not yet being toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. In partnership with parents and carers, we will support children in toilet training when they are ready to do so.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices, vital to reducing the risks of transmitting infection to children and staff.

Procedures

- **Staff will speak with parents/carers prior to the child starting at Nursery to find out how often the child needs to be changed and record this in the Personal Plan.**
- **Staff will follow child protection procedures at all times.**
- Staff will regularly check children who wear nappies and change as required.
- Staff will follow safe nappy changing guidance as detailed in Appendix 8 of Infection, Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (May 2018) issued by Health Protection Scotland. This will be displayed in the nappy changing area.
- Each child will have their own named box containing nappies supplied from home.
- Staff will never turn their back or leave a child unattended on the raised changing table.
- If parents request that a nappy cream be used they will complete a medication form with the details
- The raised changing table and mat will be disinfected after each use.
- Staff will protect the child's privacy by using the curtain around the changing mat.
- The child can choose to be changed standing up within a toilet cubicle if they prefer to do so.
- Children and staff will wash their hands at the designated bathroom sinks following a nappy change.

- Nappies are disposed of hygienically. The nappy is bagged and put into a lined nappy bin immediately.
- Nappy changing time will be part of a social routine that provides opportunities for relaxed interactions between children and staff and supports learning experiences.
- All children are treated with dignity.

Useful links:

Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Health Protection Scotland, May, 2018)

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2448/documents/1_infection-prevention-control-childcare-2018-05.pdf

Health and Social Care Standards (Scottish Government, 2017)

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/health-social-care-standards-support-life/pages/4/>

Nappy changing facilities for early learning and childcare services: information to support improvement (Care Inspectorate, 2018)

<http://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/4404/Nappy%20changing%20guidance%20for%20early%20years%20and%20childcare%20services.pdf>

This Policy links to:

Health and Social Care Standards: 1.0, 1.4, 4.11, 5.4

UNCRC Articles:12,16,24

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