



Gosfield School

EYFS Nappy Changing and Toilet Training Policy

Gosfield Nursery will not exclude a child who is yet to be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or pull-ups. 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 provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children can learn with the full support of caring adults.

We have a duty of care towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies or pull-ups in the setting, this will be considered as neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

PROCEDURES

Nappy Changing

Children wearing nappies and pull-ups are checked regularly, with children being changed if they are wet or have soiled themselves.

Parents will be contacted to collect their child if they appear unwell, for example, having diarrhoea.

We encourage young children, not yet toilet trained, to wear pull-ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are ready to be toilet trained.

The changing area is warm and well-lit, with a safe area to lay children upon. The changing area is cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes after each use. Each child is provided with nappies/pull-ups and changing wipes by the Nursery.

Staff wear gloves and aprons to change children. All staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

Staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.

Staff record nappy changes and use of a potty on a nappy change/potty sheet. They also record observations about rashes, marks etc. This information is transferred into the child's communication book so that parents are aware.

Toilet Training

We encourage children 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.

Potties and toilet training seats are always available. Potties are emptied immediately after use. They are rinsed, sprayed with an anti-bacterial spray and dried.

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

Hand Washing

Children are supported in washing their hands with a liquid hand wash. They have a choice when drying their hands of an automatic hand dryer or a towel (in Nursery) or an automatic hand dryer or paper towels (in Reception). Towels used in the Nursery are laundered daily.

We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.

Cleaning

The toilet area is checked and cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Nappies and pull-ups are disposed of hygienically. Trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding practices are in place to reduce the opportunity for child abuse and protect staff against false allegations.

All staff are DBS checked before they begin their employment at Gosfield School, receive safeguarding training and understand the procedures to follow if they have concerns regarding signs of abuse.

The doors to the toilets in both Reception and Nursery are always propped open. Staff assisting/changing children in the toilets are always visible to other members of staff.

Visitors to the Nursery or Reception are kept away from the toilet area to ensure that children are not placed in a vulnerable position.

There is a nappy changing folder that contains individual record sheets for children who wear nappies. The information recorded includes the date, time, staff name, whether wet or soiled and any marks that are noticed.

Staff employed in the Nursery do not have access to a mobile phone whilst working in the setting. Mobile phones are kept in the Nursery Manager's office.

Principal's Signature: _____  _____ Date: 10/1/24

Date of next review: January 2025