

Potty Training Policy



Before commencing potty training we communicate with parents to ensure that we are all in agreement that the child is ready, both physically and emotionally. We would then seek to establish a potty training programme that compliments what happens within the home environment to ensure that we are consistent in our approach. For example, if parents use a reward chart then we would be keen to use something similar so that we are all giving the same message.

Children will never be chastised or humiliated for having a toileting accident. If a child is making their feelings known via 'regular accidents' we may agree to put potty training on hold and start again in a short while when the child is more receptive.

Any success will be given abundant praise, as we believe this enables children to gain confidence in potty training.

As children become more independent, equipment will be provided to make toileting easy, for example a step, liquid soap, easy access to paper towels to dry their hands with.

Children will be taught about 'germs' in an age appropriate manner and encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet. This will encourage them to adopt good personal hygiene routines.

Children's privacy will be respected, but a member of staff will still be 'on hand' to help if required.