



Potty Training, Toileting and Privacy Policy

We understand that all children will be at different stages of toileting when they attend preschool. We are happy to change nappies and support families with toilet training.

Parents need to supply all nappies, wipes, nappy bags, creams and adequate changes of clothes for each session. Changed nappies will need to be taken home as we have no disposal unit for them.

We have 2 toilets and hand washing basins for children to use. Toilet cubicles have doors to allow children privacy while using them, doors have finger guards at the top so that they close but children can not lock themselves inside. Staff supervise all children going to the toilet. The toilet area door must be kept open with the door wedge while children are using the toilets. Adults have a separate toilet area to use.

We have a separate nappy changing area, which allows privacy while children are being changed. Children in nappies are asked to bring a fold up changing mat to be used.

We have spare clothes to borrow should children have an accident and not have any clothes on them. We ask for these clothes to be returned so they are available for other children to use if needed.

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.

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