



Nappy Changing Policy

Policy Statement

No child is excluded from participating at Duckling's who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. Duckling's works with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

Duckling's has a wooden changing unit which can be used for children who are not yet toilet trained. This is cleaned with anti-bacterial spray after every use, as is the nappy change mat.

Duckling's sees toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgmental concern of adults.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
Inclusive practice Health and well-being	Parents as partners Key-Person	Supporting every child	

Procedures

- Staff members record a list of personalised changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- Staff member's will use 'My Concern', should any concerns arise whilst changing a child, this is in line with safeguarding requirements. **Duckling's has a duty of care towards all children.**
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay children if they need their bottoms cleaned.
- Gloves and aprons are worn by employees before changing starts and the area prepared. The changing table top is cleaned down after each nappy change ready for the next child
- All employees are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Staff members ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in children.



Believe, Strive, Achieve

- Children are encouraged 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.
- Children should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and paper towels to hand.
- Staff members do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and 'pull-ups' are disposed of hygienically.
- **NB. If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/'pull-ups' in the nursery this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.** Nursery has a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.
- Parents/carers are required to bring the appropriate amount of nappies, 'pull-ups' and wipes for their child to be used when required throughout their day at Duckling's

This policy was adopted on:

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date to be reviewed:
