



PERSONAL CARE, NAPPY CHANGING AND TOILETING POLICY

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

Personal Care

Personal care can range from blowing a child's nose to tasks of a more intimate nature such as cleaning a child's genital area when changing nappies or soiled underwear.

Nappy Changing/Toileting

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to support children who are not yet able to be independent in toileting routines.

We ask parents/carers to make sure that wherever possible, children arrive at nursery wearing a clean nappy.

All staff will use disposable gloves and aprons whilst changing nappies, toilet training, handling accidents including all bodily fluids. These gloves and aprons are to be disposed of in the appropriate nappy bin.

Parents are required to provide all nappies, wipes, nappy bags and creams which will be stored at nursery in the child's bag.

Nappy cream will only be applied if parents have requested and supplied it and consent is given on the registration form. If a member of staff feels a child needs some nappy cream, they will consult with the parent and discuss the matter.

Information regarding nappy changes will be recorded on the nappy changing chart with date, time and reason for change eg 'wet' / 'soiled' being given. Parents will be notified when they need to replenish nappies, wipes, nappy bags and/or cream.

When toilet training is in process, staff will work closely with parents'/carers' wishes to suit individual children's needs. Parents will be required to provide plenty of spare clothes: socks, pants, vests, trousers, tops etc to allow for accidents all of which should be clearly named.

