Nappy Changing

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| EYFS: 3.1, 3.6, 3.27 3.20 3.64  |

At **Sutton Bonington Playgroup** no child is excluded from participating in the setting 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.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

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.

**Procedures**:

We wish to ensure the safety and welfare of children during nappy changing routines and safeguard them against any potential harm as well as ensuring the staff member involved is fully supported and able to perform their duties safely and confidently. We aim to support all parties through the following actions:

**Staff:**

* Ensuring all staff undertaking nappy changing routines have suitable enhanced DBS checks
* Training all staff in the appropriate methods for nappy changing routines
* Ensuring all staff have an up-to-date understanding of safeguarding/child protection and how to protect children from harm. This will include identifying signs and symptoms of abuse and how to raise these concerns as set out in the safeguarding/child protection policy

**Nappy changing/toilet training:**

* Each child has their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes in their own bag
* Babies and young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times
* All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies;
* Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. It is suggested that gloves are worn but are not always required for a wet nappy where there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always worn for a ‘soiled’ nappy.
* Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
* We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about ‘nappy contents’
* In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
* 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.
* We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand
* Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
* We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home.
* We have a ‘duty of care’ towards children’s personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

If any parent or member of staff has concerns or questions about nappy changing procedures or individual routines, please see the manager at the earliest opportunity.

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| **This policy was adopted on** | **Signed on behalf of the playgroup** | **Date for review** |
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