

Coniston Early Years Centre Policy Document

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment.
Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies



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8.7 Nappy Changing/Toileting Policy

Policy Statement.

No child is excluded from participating in our pre school who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or the 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

- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies/pull ups and wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are always available for staff to put on before changing starts and the area is prepared. The changing mat is cleaned with antibacterial spray between each change of nappy.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet, they may just want to sit on it at first and this interest should be respected and encouraged.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands and soap and towels/hand dryers are always to hand.
- Staff are gentle when changing, they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about 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. Nappies/pull ups are bagged and disposed of in the designated nappy bin located in the children's toilet area.
- All nappy waste/tissues/cloths that are contaminated with bodily fluids such as faeces, blood or the like are disposed of professionally by a bona fide registered company.
- Ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed, where appropriate and practical and then double bagged for the parent 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 pre school this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

Children who are transitioning from a Nappy to Pants

- When children are ready to move from nappy to pants pre school staff will talk to their parents and discuss how they want the pre school to support their child at this critical time.
- Staff will work closely with the parents to encourage and support the child in their toilet training and follow the same method as the parent is using at home.
- Staff will give lots of positive praise and rewards such as stickers etc to encourage the child in their endeavours.
- Staff will always be patient and understanding of any fears the child may have around toileting.
- When a child reaches an appropriate age to start toilet training staff will be pro active at talking to the parents and encouraging them to recognise when the time is right for their child.
- Pre School will provide parents with advice and guidance that will help them through the process - typically details of the organisation known as ERIC.
- We have a range of books that can be shared with children who are going through this stage of their development and these can be used to help the child understand the process and see it as a positive step.

Links to our Safeguarding Children Policy

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