

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 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 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.

- **Health and self-care:** children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2017

Procedures

- All staff are responsible where possible for changing nappies and toileting within the setting. Staff members/volunteers must have completed an enhanced DBS check. Parents/carers can take their own child to the toilet/nappy change only.
- We have a changing area with a safe area to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned. The changing area is in the main room and has a screen for privacy.
- Each young child brings their own bag daily with their nappies or “pull ups”, wipes and cream if required.
- Gloves and apron (optional) are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The area is cleaned with anti-bacterial spray after each change.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, all staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- If possible the child’s key person will change nappy or pants.
- Young children are encouraged to take an interest in using the potty/toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have liquid soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- All staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about “nappy contents”.
- All staff 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.

- Staff recognise that accidents do happen. Any child needing to be changed will be taken to the toilet area and will have their privacy and feelings respected appropriately. Parents are asked to provide a change of clothing for their child. However, a supply of spare clothing is available if necessary and parents are asked to return this as soon as possible.
- Nappies and “pull ups” should be placed in a disposable bag and put in a foot-operated bin. Soiled clothing is bagged and given back to the parents.
- NB If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/”pull ups” in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a “duty of care” towards children’s personal needs.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup:

Held on:

Date to be reviewed:

Signed on behalf of the committee:

Name of signatory:

Role of signatory:

All staff members and committee members will sign to indicate they have read, understood and agreed with the above policy.