

BATHROOM FACILITIES POLICY

Children requiring assistance in the bathroom will be helped only by a member of staff who has been DBS checked, in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFSTED.

Children requiring nappy changing who are not toilet trained will have their needs attended to as required, by a 'suitable' member of staff using the changing facilities available. Staff are required to let other staff members know when they are changing children.

The staff at the preschool are happy to support parents and carers, as they journey through the 'toilet training' process with their child/ren. We are fully aware that this process is often a difficult one to master for a young child, however usually with time and patience, children are quick to learn and soon out of nappies.

Please do not be surprised if your child has more toileting accidents at preschool, during this time. As there is much to distract children at the preschool, so children often leave going to the toilet to the last minute.

The staff team will endeavour to remind children regularly, to go to the toilet. However, we will not accept responsibility for children having toileting accidents. Children's wet or soiled clothes will be changed, if staff members are alerted to the matter and the child made comfortable. Staff will at all times wear disposable protective gloves and aprons whilst attending to a child in need of changing.

It is helpful to staff, that children attending the setting bring in with them each day, at least 1 change of clothes and if required spare nappies, wipes etc.

Soiled clothes/Potty training

When your child attends preschool there may be times when they will need a change of clothes either due to mud play, sensory activities, a toileting accident and water play.

Disposable protective gloves and apron will be worn by the staff member if helping your child with illness or toilet incidents. Any soiled clothing will be placed in an initialled bag and returned to the child's bag/rucksack. The children will be helped with fresh clean dry clothes immediately.

It is recommended that at least one change of clothes is supplied from home for your child in case they need to be changed. Some children will prefer their own cloths from home even if we have a large supply of spares in the preschool.

When children are potty training more than one changes of clothes will need to be supplied from home, as your child may have more than one accident whilst adjusting to changes. Children can become easily distracted by play so reminders will be given by staff. We do not punish children for accidents but help them to understand when they might need to go to the toilet.

Protective Clothing

As many of our activities involve paint and glue, flour etc… and all the children are encouraged to participate in all the activities available, it is advisable to send your child in old clothes. Sometimes accidents happen and clothing gets marked and although mostly stains can be removed by washing, we cannot be held responsible for your child's clothing.

We do have protective aprons for our children to wear during messy activities but they are not compulsory and our policy is to encourage all our children to participate in the ongoing events and activities freely. Protective clothing can act as a barrier for some children, which can then prevent them from accessing valuable learning opportunities as they feel restricted.

To avoid this, we offer the use of aprons etc. during messy activities but do not insist on their use.

It is helpful if children's clothing is named written, particularly coats and sweatshirts, as once removed it is not always easy for us to tell who it belongs to.

Dry Clothing

Dry spare clothes are available, if necessary, children can choose from a limited selection. If your child is sent home in our clothing, parents are asked to return the items laundered ready for re-use.

Each child is allocated a coat peg, for use during their session at the preschool, parents/carers can leave a change of clothing for their child, in a bag which can be hung on their coat peg for staff to use as required.

For extra support during toileting please find information and guidance here Home - ERIC

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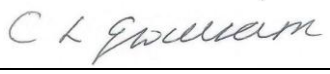
Signed	
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