



Toilet and Potty Training Policy

Aim

We promote independent toileting for all children who have reached this stage.

Method

Wickham Montessori Nursery is committed to working 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. All children are treated with dignity, care and compassion during this process. Staff will ensure this time is relaxed; they do not make negative comments about potty/toilet contents. Wickham Montessori aims to provide the opportunity for all children to use the toilet independently and to provide assistance for children who require it. Where children are in pull-ups, we will remind them at frequent intervals to use the toilet.

Procedures for children that are toileting or potty training At Wickham Montessori:

- We will maintain each child's privacy.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when toileting children.
- During toileting staff will interact with the child, and if upset will reassure and comfort them. They will praise them verbally throughout the experience.
- Staff will wear protective gloves and apron when supporting children during toileting. These will be disposed of after each use.
- Children will be shown the toilet areas before they actually need to use them, to help promote confidence and familiarity in a new environment.
- The staff at Wickham Montessori Nursery will remind children to use the toilet/potty regularly.
- Potties are available for children too small to use the toilet or those who feel more confident using a potty/toilet. (the toilet is low to the ground and easy for children to get on off)
- The toilet will be flushed after every use and handle wiped down with antibacterial wipes/spray after each child has used the toilet or potty.
- All children will be encouraged to adopt good personal hygiene by washing their hands properly and drying them with the hand dryer or paper towel if preferred.
- Staff will wash their hands with hot, soapy water and dry immediately after completing this task.
- Activities and routines will also include reminders about the need for good personal hygiene.
- Only staff members with an enhanced DBS will undertake toileting duties.

- Parents are requested to send a bag containing a clean change of clothes for their child in case of accidents. These clothes will only be used for that child.