

Nappy Changing Policy

Aim

Wickham Montessori aim to ensure that children are kept clean and comfortable by being changed and checked on a regular basis. Children's privacy should be treated with respect and nappy changing should not be rushed but used as an opportunity for one-to-one exchanges of conversation and smiles. Parents/carers of children not yet completely toilet trained are required to provide sufficient disposable nappies and wipes for each day.

Procedures for nappy changing;

- We will maintain each child's privacy.
- During nappy changing staff will interact with the child, and if upset will reassure and comfort them.
- They will praise them verbally throughout the nappy changing experience.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Staff will wear protective gloves and apron when changing nappies/pull ups. These will be disposed of after each use.
- Nappy changing will take place throughout the session as and when required. Children will also be checked periodically and changed as needed.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- No child will be left unattended for any amount of time during this time.
- All children are changed in the nappy changing room on the changing mat. The changing mat is wiped down with antibacterial wipes/spray after each nappy change. Staff will wash their hands with hot, soapy water and dry on disposable towels immediately after completing this task.
- All children are encouraged 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.
- All used pull-ups and nappies will be disposed of in the on-site yellow nappy refuse bin and removed daily.
- 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.