

TOILETING POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide a detailed explanation of appropriate expectation for children's developing independence regarding toileting practices and how staff will foster this growing independence whilst guiding children in accordance with parents.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This centre acknowledges that nappy change and toileting procedures are individualised and culturally appropriate according to the child and family needs. The procedures are conducted in a sensitive, consistent and positive manner which recognises children's efforts and fosters independence while empathising with their physical and emotional needs.

Prior to the toilet training process staff will consult with parents, make observations in an effort to determine a child's readiness to commence toilet training. Throughout the process staff and parents will share information on the progress whilst at the same time working co-operatively to emphasise the importance of good hygiene practices.

While the daily routine allows for regular toileting times, children will be able to independently or with assistance access the toilet and hand washing areas at any time of the day.

Toileting Training Procedure

- Encourage the child to use the toilet and to flush toilet
- Allow child to attempt with self dressing, provide assistance when needed
- Demonstrate and support the child with hand washing
- Assist the child in returning to an activity
- Use disposable gloves and wash toilet with detergent and warm water and cistern if necessary
- Discard gloves
- Wash hands as per hand washing procedures

In the event of any toileting accidents the soiled clothes or bedding will be placed in a plastic bag firmly tied at the top to be taken home for laundering. We are advised by Health authorities that the washing of soiled clothes at the centre can spread germs. We do have a hose attachment to aid in rinsing off as much faeces as possible without actually washing the items.

NB: When deemed necessary use disposable gloves with the entire procedure.

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