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Policy on intimate care

Policy Statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting 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 make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgmental concerns of adults.

Procedures

- Key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the young children in their care who are in nappies or pull-ups.
- Young children from two years should wear pull ups or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups, back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm and child friendly, there are safe areas to lay young children down if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own basket to hand with their nappies, pull-ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing area is freshly wiped with anti bac spray and paper towels for each child.

- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedure and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, key persons ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in the young children.
- Young 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.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about nappy contents.
- Key persons 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.
- Nappies and pull-ups are disposed of hygienically. Any formed soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin provided. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parents to take home.
- 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 The Board of Trustees at Pelican Children's Centre

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Date to be reviewed.....

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.....

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centre.....