

Nappy Changing and Toileting Policy

Aim

We intend to make the transition from nappies to full toileting as easy as possible for the children and parents using the setting.

Children's privacy is considered and balanced with safeguarding and support needs when changing nappies and toileting.

Methods

- All staff members who are involved in toileting will have an enhanced DBS check.
- At the child's induction session parents will be shown the nappy change area and their child's stage of toileting will be discussed.
- Parents are asked to provide nappies, wipes and nappy sacks although the setting will have spare.
- Spare clothes must also be provided.
- With the parents' permission all children who are toilet training will be encouraged to sit on the potty throughout the day; they will be encouraged to wash their hands. Children will be rewarded with a sticker **or similar depending on what motivates them**, for trying and at the later stage for actually performing.
- Due to cost and impact on the planet, staff who are supporting children on the toilet or changing a wet nappy can choose whether to wear aprons or gloves but must adhere to strict hygiene procedures such as hand washing. When a child the nappy is soiled, or the child is sick gloves and aprons must be worn. Teachers who are on fruit duty that day must not supervise toileting before fruit time.
- When a child has an allergy to latex or severe eczema gloves must not be worn and it is up to the individual teacher if they will do the nappy change or they can ask someone else.
This child must be changed first.
- Soiled nappies must be sealed in a nappy sack and put into the wheelie bin.

- When children are ready to wear pants, the key person must be informed so that they can take the child to the toilet or potty regularly.
- Children who have an accident will be treated with compassion and the parents told confidentially at the end of the session.
- Accidents must be cleaned up using the correct mop, soiled clothing must be put into a nappy sack and sealed well.
- Older children are encouraged to access the toilets independently - at first with a member of staff at hand and eventually on their own.
- All children are expected to wash their hands and paper hand towels are provided to prevent cross infection.
- The toilets are checked daily for cleanliness.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Belton Playgroup Association:

Held on: 2nd June 2026

Signed on behalf of committee:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Name and role of signatory: Anna Spencer, Chair of Committee

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