

# **Happy Valley Pre-School Ltd**

## **Nappy Changing Policy**

### **Policy Statement**

No child is excluded from participating in our Preschool who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or pull ups. 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 provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices 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-judgemental concern of adults.

### **Procedures**

- All staff are responsible where possible for changing nappies and toileting accidents in their designated group.
- All children in nappies/pull ups are checked at least twice during each session.
- Children from two years should normally start toilet training by wearing pull ups, other types of trainer pants or underwear as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Changing area is situated in the toilet area and has a safe built in changing unit to lay the children.
- When children are being changed, the mirror will be covered a roller blind and partitioned off with a sign indicating 'nappy changing in progress'.
- Each child has their own changing bag where their nappies or pull ups, creams and changing wipes for those children with allergies, are kept.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The area is cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes after each change.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies/ pull ups.
- In addition, all staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands, and have soap and paper towels to hand.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent

