



Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Occasional Childcare

NAPPY CHANGE & TOILET TRAINING POLICY

RATIONALE

Meeting the needs of children by providing clean nappies and a safe and hygienic place for changing children is a basic need that is important for children's comfort and happiness.

Nappy changing and toileting rituals are also valuable opportunities to promote children's learning, meet individual needs and to build strong relationships with children. Having their needs met in a caring and responsive way builds children's sense of trust and security - which relates strongly to the Early Years Learning Framework.

AIM

To support children's toilet training and to ensure there are nappy change procedures that support children's safety, protection, relationships and learning.

PROCEDURE:

Ensure that soiled nappies are sealed in a plastic bag and disposed of.

Ensure that soiled clothing is sealed in a plastic bag and that parents are notified of contents.

Discuss children's individual needs with families to ensure practices are reflective of the home environment and are culturally sensitive.

Provide information to families regarding children's nappy change or toileting patterns

Utilise nappy change times to interact with children on an individual basis. The nappy change time will allow educators to converse, sing, play and generally interact with the child. This time allows educators and children to learn more about each other and for educators to understand each child's personality.

Educators will maintain effective supervision at all times by fully supervising and maintaining physical contact with children throughout the nappy change experience or while in the toilet area. No child will be left alone on a nappy change mat.

The nappy change area must be fully stocked at all times with required materials

Staff will encourage toddlers to use the toilet frequently and regularly in response to the child's own biological habits and assist them when required.

Staff will encourage a positive approach to toilet training by acknowledging and responding happily to toddler's accomplishments. Avoid commenting on wet or soiled pants, but simply clean them up.

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