

POLICY TO SUPPORT TOILETING PROCEDURES IN PRE-SCHOOL

Policy Statement

- Children are ready for potty training from around 18 months. When they are physically ready to sit up on a potty, and able to listen to instructions, you can begin. As parents, you are best placed to establish a routine with your child and to get them used to sitting on a toilet. At Pre-School, we can support you in this, but we cannot establish a routine for you.
- When a child is showing signs of being ready to start toilet training, we suggest you choose a time when you can be at home and things will be calm and relaxed. If there are a busy few weeks ahead or other pressures to contend with, we suggest it might be worth waiting until you can give toilet training your full attention, rather than trying to 'slot it in' to a busy schedule.
- Parents must dress children for Pre-School in clothes which they can easily remove themselves to use the toilet. It is important that you tell us any special words that your child may have for needing the toilet.
- Parents must provide clean sets of named clothes in a labelled bag in case of accident. Although we provide clothes for these situations, some children feel happier and more secure in their own things.
- Staff will deal with toilet accidents in a calm manner and make the child clean and comfortable without any adverse comments and with privacy. We will be aware of any cultural or religious sensitivity concerning this matter in respect of any individual.
- As we are committed to inclusion, so we are prepared to attend to a child's intimate care if this is necessary. If a child is wearing nappies, we will provide a private area to change them. We will support you and give you helpful ideas on toilet training. ERIC –the children's bowel and bladder charity provide useful advice and guides on potty training and toileting www.eric.org.uk

Practice

- Each child will be shown the toilets and sinks on visiting and first starting Pre-School. It is a good idea for parents to take their child to the toilet at the beginning of the session, so the child can feel comfortable using the toilet at Pre-School. A staff member will be around the toilet area as well for the child to become familiar with staff helping them if need be.
- Children will be encouraged by their Key Person to use the toilet regularly. Staff aim to be role models and stress the need for washing hands after using the toilet or finishing a messy activity, and before eating, drinking or taking part in a baking activity.
- If a child is not yet aware or fully trained, and is wearing a nappy, they will be attended to by their Key Person, or a member of staff with whom they are comfortable and familiar. Best practice in hygiene rules will be followed.
- All staff have current Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS). Volunteers or visitors to the Pre-School will not be permitted to change a child's soiled/wet clothing unless they are the parent/carer of the child and a member of staff is also present in the toilets.

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