

The Little Ark

Toileting Policy

Aim

To clarify our toileting procedures for parents as children join us at varying stages of toilet training.

It is obviously preferable for children to start pre-school with their toilet training complete and reliable. However we understand that this is not always possible as children develop this skill at different ages.

Soiled children

When a child starts with us we will ask parents at what stage their child is and it would be helpful if parents can be honest in their reply as no child will be excluded through lack of toilet training but if we are aware of their exact needs we can work with parents to achieve success in toileting.

If a child attends in nappies/pull ups we will check these as various times of the day and change them when necessary. All soiled nappies/pull ups will be returned to parents for disposal.

One member of staff will change a child when necessary at the entrance to the toilet area, the door is always open to the main open plan area and other staff will be made aware that the child is being changed.

When changing children, staff will wear protective gloves and aprons for their protection. They will wipe the exposed skin with wet wipes and remove as much excrement as possible, however some may remain in crevices and around the genitals as staff are advised not to be too intrusive and children may not be completely clean. Parents will be advised when they collect their child that they may need additional cleaning. The child's bag will be out in the nursery if it contains soiled/wet nappies/pull ups or clothing if your child has been changed.

If a parent would prefer to be called to come and change their child themselves, this can be arranged, please let the Supervisor know.