

Hemingford Grey Playgroup

Policy: Toileting and self-care

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Introduction

At Hemingford Grey playgroup, we operate an inclusive policy and take children who are at various different stages with regard to their toileting skills.

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

In order that staff are fully aware and informed of individual children's needs parents are asked to complete an information sheet about their child's needs and to give a brief account of their capabilities.

Should a child attend playgroup in nappies, it is clear that staff need to be aware and parents are asked to supply the nappies to meet their own child's needs.

Playgroup staff will endeavour to meet all the children's needs, but will always encourage independence, as appropriate. Where help is required parents are asked to give written permission in providing this intimate care. Such care will be given in line with the Physical Contact with Children policy.

Staff will talk through what is happening to put children at ease.

All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

Antibacterial wipe are used to wipe changing mats, toilet seats as necessary after use.

Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts. Staff will bag and dispose of gloves and apron after use and wash their hands.

Nappies/pull ups, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged and labelled for the parents to take home.

We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

Hand washing after toileting is insisted upon and children are given support with this as appropriate. Visual cues displayed in the toilet area remind children to wash their hands and staff are vigilant in their monitoring of this.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Hemingford Grey Playgroup Committee, held on 24th March 2009, and reviewed on 7th May 2014 and 20th September 2017.

Signed by the chairperson, on behalf of the Committee:

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