

TOILETING POLICY

The Pre School understands that some children may be experiencing difficulties when using the toilet, and that children develop at different rates.

Staff will encourage children to attend to the toilet themselves and promote independence skills to avoid any emotional or physical distress.

At Induction, Parents/carers are encouraged to come forward confidentially to discuss any issues regarding their Child's Development including in relation to toileting. A section is also within the Starter Pack for parents to complete if required.

When children and parents/carers first come to Pre School, they are given reassurance about the availability of toilets, where they are and how to wash their hands. Routine will be reinforced during greeting times/start of Term 1 to promote understanding and good hygiene practice.

Staff are observant to signs that a child needs the toilet and the child will be appropriately prompted if need be.

If a child has an accident (wet or soiled themselves), a member of staff will change them – staff member will inform another staff member that they are changing a child. The toilet door will remain open at all times to ensure that the staff member can be seen at all times (in line with Child Protection procedures). It is expected that some children may have the odd accident when starting Pre School or isolated accidents. The child's dignity will always be respected and the parent/carer will be informed. If the parent/carer on collection cannot be informed discreetly then they will receive an email that they will be required to acknowledge.

In the situation where it is clear that a child has not been fully toilet trained (is not completely independent) and soils their pants on a regular basis, the pre-school leader will seek to discuss the situation with the child's parents/carer, in a sensitive manner and a plan will be devised to best encourage and promote toileting.

If after this consultation the situation continues, we may contact the parent to come in and change their child each time their child soils their pants, or the child's parent/nominated carer to remain in Pre School each day or be within a 5-minute radius on call until the situation is resolved. It may be to the family's benefit to take

the child out of Pre School for a period until independent toileting has been established. Contact with the Health Visitor or a referral to the child's GP by the parent may be required. Conditions of this depends on the child as there may be instances that the child has a medical need that leads to a delay in toileting or prevents the child from being able to toilet independently. Or there may be instances that a child has suffered from trauma or change in family relations that lead to increased accidents or delay. The Leader will liaise with parents to gain an understanding of the child and their individual toileting habits.

All parents will be advised during the Open Evening/Induction to start toileting training – if not done so already and to encourage their child to attend to themselves at the toilet over the summer months. Staff and parents/carers are to be mindful that a child's delayed success may take time and patience and encouragement at home to follow toilet training program.

If your child is not fully toilet trained by their start date, parents must let the Manager/Leader know.
All parents/carers will be required to sign consent in relation to changing.

In line with Minimum Standards, if we are outside the setting e.g., in the Parish Hall or out in the garden, and a child requires the toilet/has a toileting accident or has an accident that requires returning to the Pre School, a staff member will be accompanied by another child to ensure that a staff member is never alone with a child.