

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment**

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies.

### **6.4 Nappy changing**

#### **Policy statement**

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. Hanborough Pre-School work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

Hanborough Pre-School provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

Hanborough Pre-School 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**

- Our key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the children in [their/my] care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies according to this schedule, or more frequently where necessary.
- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent, young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. There are mobiles and other objects of interest to take the child's attention.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies. Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; Hanborough Pre-School avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Hanborough Pre-School do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition, Hanborough Pre-School ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Hanborough Pre-School encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- Hanborough Pre-School encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Hanborough Pre-School dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. The nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.
- Hanborough Pre-School 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.