Froxfield Pre-School Nappy Changing Policy

Policy statement

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not toilet trained.
We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support of key adults. We work together with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

Procedures

- Key persons, or other members of staff, monitor the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' and change them as necessary.
- When children begin Pre-school their key person undertakes changing children; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Gloves are available for staff to use when changing children's nappies.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Key persons are gentle when changing.
- The mat is sprayed and wiped with anti-bacterial spray between every use.
- Key persons do not comment on the nappy contents or children's genitals.
- Key persons record the time of each nappy change on a daily chart.
- We ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We 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.
- We 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. Younger children, and those who are toilet training, are supervised when using the toilets.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. Children will never be left in a wet or soiled nappy or clothes.

This policy was adopted by	Froxfield Pre-School	*(name of provider)*
On	05/05/2026	*(date)*
Date to be reviewed	May 2027	*(date)*
Signed on behalf of the provider		
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