



## **Toileting and Nappy Change Policy**

### **Lymley Wood Forest Setting**

There are two options for toileting children.

1. Chemical toilet block - 2 x chemical loo cubicles, sink and nappy change table
2. Compost toilet - 2 x compost loos cubicles and hand wash sink

Staff will instruct children about hand hygiene after toileting and be vigilant about its practice by children in the toileting area. Sawdust and toilet paper is used after all toileting activities and disposed of in the toilet.

At the end of the day the bag is sealed and transported off site separate from the children.

Staff will not enter either toilet block when children are in there. One cubicle in the chemical loo block will be clearly identified as a STAFF TOILET and this is the only cubicle to be used by staff.

### **Toileting procedure for toilet trained children aged under 6**

1. Children are accompanied to the toilet by a practitioner, who ensures sawdust, paper and toilet paper are on hand.
2. Child uses the toilet alone, Staff DO NOT ENTER CUBICLE with the child but can wait outside the door.

(H&S issue: be aware of the potential for back damage when assisting a child in toileting)

3. We encourage the child to wipe their own bottom. Staff only get involved in case of accidents and then only pass over clean underwear etc and do not assist the child in changing their clothes.
4. If required, practitioners can assist with flushing the chemical loos once the child has exited the cubicle.



5. Toilet paper into the bins beside the toilet. Waste to be covered with sawdust, toilet wiped with antibacterial wipe and toilet lid to be placed over the toilet.
6. Staff and children clean hands with warm water and soap (usual taps within indoor setting, water dispenser with basin in Forest setting);
7. In the forest setting: At the end of the day the bag containing all of the collected waste is secured and transferred to the burning bin located near the tool shed.

### **Children over 6 years of age.**

1. Staff do not accompany these children to the toilet
2. Staff to ensure all children are aware of how to use the loos and who to go to in case of toileting issue or accident

### **Changing procedure in event of accidents**

~Allow child access to toilet tent

~Assist if necessary

~Use warm water, soap, and antibacterial wipes to clean up any mess.

~If in Forest setting, use the cubicle to change into clean, dry clothes.

### **Hand Washing Procedure in the Woods**

Hand washing after toilet use is only to occur at the dedicated toilet use and nappy changing hand washing station. This is in each toilet block. warm water will be provided for handwashing and soap and ant bac gel to be checked by staff at the start of each session.

Hands are to be washed using the tap connected to the water dispenser. The child will be assisted to apply handwash, working the handwash all over the front and back of the hands and between the fingers into a good lather.

The washing shall occur at an elevated hand washing station under shelter.



Children will dry their hands using blue roll.. This will be located adjacent (within reaching distance) of the water dispenser. This waste towel is then disposed of in the BLACK hazardous waste bag.

### **Nappy Changing**

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in the forest setting in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

The nappy changing mat is disinfected between each use. Antibacterial spray and antibacterial wipes are both provided for this purpose.

There is a dedicated box which contains everything that is required for nappy changing. This contains nappies, wet wipes, nappy bags, gloves, aprons and antibacterial hand gel.

Only accompanying parents / carers of children are permitted to change nappies.

Used nappies are to be disposed of in the BLACK hazardous waste bag on site.

### **Children involvement**

- Children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet.
- Children are supported to wash their hands, and have soap and paper 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.

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### **Policy approved :**

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