



Potty Training Policy

Advice and guidance from nursery staff on potty training is always available to parents/carers. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform nursery staff when they feel their child is ready to be potty trained. Staff and parents/carers must complete a communication sheet outlining the parent's wishes.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to supply the nursery with enough changes of clothes for the day; this is to ensure that the child has some clean clothes should they have any accidents.

Staff will ensure that the children are encouraged to use the potty at regular intervals during the day. Children will be encouraged to use the potty by using positive influences; if the child refuses to use the potty/toilet we will work with the child's parent/carer to come up with alternative methods to encourage the child to use the potty/toilet. All children will be praised for using the potty/toilet, and under no circumstances will staff chastise children for having accidents, as learning to use the potty/toilet can be a very stressful time for children, and all staff needs to be sensitive to the children's needs.

Children will also be encouraged to wash their hands after using the potty/toilet.

We understand that due to changes in routines or at home some children may regress. If a child has been dry for a while and they begin to have accident the child's keyworker will talk to the parents to ascertain if any changes have occurred at home, and work with parents to support the child through this time. Children must not be put back into pull ups (unless requested by their parent) as this may make the child more insecure but will encouraged more than usual to use the toilet/potty.