 Langa Street Nursery

Nappy Changing Policy

Rational

In Langa street nursery we aim to include all children and consider individual needs. Many children starting with us at Langa Street will be in nappies and this policy will detail the steps taken by practitioners and families to ensure personal care of changing nappies is carried out.

Aim

* To ensure that children in our care are comfortable when they are at nursery.
* To safeguard the rights and promote the welfare of children.
* To provide guidance and reassurance for practitioners who are required to change children.
* To ensure parents/carers that practitioners are knowledgeable about personal care.

Practice

* All families where possible will provide nappies and wipes for their child.
* Ensure all equipment is to hand before starting to change a child.
* Wash hands thoroughly before and after each change (including after disposal of nappy or bagging wet or soiled clothing).
* Put on protective gloves and apron.
* Always wipe a child’s bottom front to back, using a clean wipe each time.
* If a barrier cream is to be administered parents should complete the ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES: PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FORM stored in the Medical Cupboard. Information should be added to the Medical Information document in the playroom (see policy on Administration of Medication).
* Never leave a child unattended on the changing mat.
* Spray the changing mat with soup and water spray after every change.
* Dry the mat with disposable paper towel after every change.
* Soiled nappies should be put into a nappy sack and tied securely and disposed of into the nappy bin.
* Dispose of gloves and apron into nappy bin.

* Wet or soiled clothing should be bagged and labelled for return to the parent using the tubes that is labelled in the toilet ‘bathroom’
* If you use the last resource, remember to replace it.
* Nappy bin will be collected by Initial on a weekly basis
* In the case of ‘pull up pants’ these should be treated as a nappy when wet or soiled
* For those children who are bigger, staff can use a cubical within the children’s toilet
* Staff will support nappy changing respecting child’s dignity within the cubical.