



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Intimate Care and Nappy Changing Policy

Mission Statement

'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

God's love is at the heart of all that we do at St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School.

Hearts and Minds are nurtured in a stimulating and safe environment. We believe that every child is unique and we nurture each child through a creative and rounded curriculum to reach their full potential. Talents are celebrated and differences are respected within a strong, supportive Catholic community.

At St Gabriel's, children learn to love, respect and care for each other and God's entire world. Our school is a place where children are filled with a love of life and learning.

St Gabriel's Pre-School -

Prime times of the day make the best of routine opportunities to promote 'tuning-in' to the child emotionally and to create opportunities for learning. Children's privacy is maintained during toileting, whilst balanced with safeguarding considerations. When children attend St Gabriel's Pre-School it is expected that children are potty trained by the beginning of the September start, however if your child has additional or medical needs then please talk to us prior.

Nappy changing records.

- Staff record when they changed the child and whether it was wet/soiled.
- A stool that is an unusual colour can usually be related to the food that was eaten, so it is important that this is noted. However, a stool that is black, green, or very white indicates a problem, and the child should be taken to the doctor.
- Exceptionally soft, watery stools are signs of diarrhoea; strict hygiene needs to be carried out in cleaning the changing area to prevent spread of infection. The parent/carer should be called to inform them, and that if any further symptoms occur, they may be required to collect their child.
- Sometimes a child may have a sore bottom. Staff will ask parents if cream can be applied and notify the parents of any changes.

Young children, intimate care, and toileting

- Key persons never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended on a changing mat.
- Members of staff put on aprons before changing starts and the area is prepared, gloves are always worn for soiled nappies.
- All members of staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Changing areas are warm, appropriately sited and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- If children refuse to lie down for nappy change, they can be changed whilst standing up, providing it is still possible to clean them effectively.
- Each young child has their own bag to hand with their nappies/pull ups and changing wipes.
- Adult ensures that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- They are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and paper towels to hand.

- Older children use the toilet when needed and are encouraged to be independent.
- Members of staffs do not wipe children's bottoms unless there is a need, or unless the child has asked.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to provide enough changes of clothes for 'accidents when children are potty training.
- If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull-ups in the setting, this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

Nappy changing is always done in an appropriate/designated area. Children are not changed in play areas or next to snack tables. If there are limitations for nappy change areas due to the lay-out of the room or space available this is discussed with the setting manager's line manager so that an appropriate site can be agreed that maintains the dignity of the child and good hygiene practice.