

Potty/toilet training policy

At Little Pearls Nursery we work closely with parents and/or carers to help each child become independent in their self-care. When a child is showing interest in potty training or the use of the toilet the following procedure will be followed:

- Key persons will ensure that all staff in the team are fully aware of the child's stage of potty/toilet training.
- Parents' wishes must be considered at every stage, and this must be communicated to the team. If your child has a particular name for the toilet this can also be used. If parents find that only one potty works at home as a nursery, we are happy to use this potty throughout the day as long as it is sterilised coming into nursery.
- All children at the potty/toilet training stage must be accompanied to the bathroom and supervised and supported whilst in there.
- Reassurance and praise should be given at every step of the way.
- Potties require immediate emptying and to be cleaned with an anti-bacterial spray and wipe, which will be appropriately discarded into the nappy bin.
- Children should then be advised and supported to wash their hands appropriately with soap and water and dried thoroughly with paper towels.
- Visits to the potty will be discussed at handover with parents who will be informed of their child's progress on that day and added to our family app.
- If any child is struggling with standard potty-training techniques, then this will be discussed with the team, between staff and the child's parents.
- If parents are struggling with potty training at home, we can give the parents advice/ strategies to help them at home.
- Team members must have a DBS Cleared to perform toileting duties, and apprentices may be supervised while accompanying children to the toilet/ potty, depending on their experience and capabilities.
- Ensure the toilet/potty is clean before use and toilet paper in well stocked.
- Should a child have a toileting accident, they will automatically be offered assistance to change or be changed by a member of staff. This will happen regardless of age, unless the parent has requested their child deals with such incidents personally.

On behalf of the team we will treat toileting very carefully and promote independence in this part of the routine on the individual child's terms, With positive reinforcement through the child's nursery days.

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