Nappy Changing Procedures

Although we encourage that children are toilet trained before they begin the 3 Year Old Program we understand that this may not be possible. Therefore we support children who require extra care and time to adjust to the change. The Peter Toms Early Learning Centre has one (1) nappy changing table which is located in the disabled toilet next to the Director’s office. When a child requires his nappy to be changed the classroom teacher will call the Director or additional staff member to replace the assistant or teacher to go and change the child. This is due to the nappy change table being out of the classroom, therefore removing a staff member. However, if a child has progressed to pull up nappies, he will be changed in the boys’ bathroom to encourage use of the toilet.

To ensure that all nappy changing procedures are conducted using hygienic methods the following procedure is recommended for nappy changing:

- Check that all supplies you need are ready
- Wash your hands
- Place paper on the change bench under the child’s bottom
- Wear gloves before removing nappy – one (1) clean glove on each hand
- Remove the nappy and place in the bin
- Remove any clothes with urine or faeces and place into a plastic bag and tie closed
- Clean the child’s bottom using wet wipes
- Remove the paper towel
- Remove gloves – peeling back from the wrists
- Dress the child and wash the child’s hands
- Clean the change table with detergent and warm water (Green Earth’s Choice detergent diluted in spray bottle with warm water)
- Wash your hands

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