Links Childcare Policies & Procedures

31. Toileting & Toilet Training Policy

Policy Statement
Links Childcare understands that toileting is a time of learning for children and all children must be treated respectfully and sensitively when using the toilet. Links Childcare aims that toileting be a positive experience with a high standard of hygiene being promoted at all times.

Principle:
This policy is underpinned by the Child Care (Pre-school Services) Regulations 2006.

Procedure:

• Create awareness and understanding of good hygiene practice, staff members emphasise the importance of self-care for example: flushing the toilet, washing hands, etc
• Use anti-bacterial soap and disposable paper towels for washing and drying hands
• Ensure a cleaning schedule is in place to maintain children’s toilets in a clean and hygienic condition at all times
• Treat the child in a sensitive manner when toileting accidents occur, reassuring and emotionally supporting the child
• Accidents will be recorded and shared with families in order to help with the toilet training process
• We will work closely with the families when a child is toilet training and use a tailored approach for each child
• If a child shows any difficulty using the toilet on their own, the Educarer will help. However independent use will always be encouraged.
• Use praise and recognition when children are toilet-training to promote self-esteem and a sense of achievement
• Wash and disinfect potties after each use using disposable gloves, ideally potties should be individual for each child
• Ensure another staff member is always available to provide assistance
• Respect the child’s privacy at all times. Should a child require a change of clothes, the childcare staff will provide the child with a clean change of clothes and assist them change into the clean clothes.
• Hygiene practices include staff washing hands after assisting a child, ensuring children wash their hands and cleaning the toilets when required.

Review
Management, in consultation with staff, monitors and reviews the effectiveness of this policy yearly or as required.