



LINKS CHILDCARE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Toileting & Toilet Training Policy

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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. This policy is available to all on www.linkschildcare.ie (<https://linkschildcare.ie/about-us/our-policies/>) or contact us at info@linkschildcare.ie.

Principle:

This policy is underpinned by the Child Care (Pre-school Services) Regulations 2006 and 2016.

The following guidelines ensure a positive and safe experience for each child, while bearing in mind that every child is different and will engage with the toileting process in different ways and at different speeds.

- The Educarer creates awareness and understanding of good hygiene practice, emphasising the importance of self-care for example: flushing the toilet, washing hands, etc.
- The child uses anti-bacterial soap and disposable paper towels for washing and drying hands.
- A cleaning schedule is in place to maintain children's toilets in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.
- The Educarer treats the child in a sensitive manner when toileting accidents occur, reassuring and emotionally supporting the child.
- Accidents will be discreetly recorded and shared with families in order to help with the toilet training process.
- The Educarer 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.
- The Educarer will use words of praise and recognition when children are toilet-training to promote self-esteem and a sense of achievement.
- Potties and toilet training seats are washed and disinfected after each use, using disposable gloves.
- The Educarer will ensure that another staff member is always available to provide assistance if needed.
- The Educarer will respect the child's privacy at all times. Should a child require a change of clothes, it will be provided and the Educarer will assist the child to change into the clean clothes.
- The Educarer will model good hygiene practices by washing his/her hands after assisting a child, ensuring children wash their hands and cleaning the toilet when required.



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Review

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

Review Dates:	2019	January 2020	October 2020	May 2023
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