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Toileting Policy for Early Years Children – June 2011

Most early years children can manage the basics of independent toileting.

Our expectation is that Early Years children are toilet trained before starting school. This includes them:-

- Knowing when they have to go to the toilet and use words to describe what they need to do and to get help.
- Having a routine of pulling down their pants, using the toilet, wiping, flushing and washing their hands. We realise however that accidents will happen. Please help by providing clothes which are easy to pull on and off and a spare set of clothes.

Our Teaching

Toileting for early years children is more about learning hygiene and socially appropriate behaviour. Our Teachers and Learning Assistants are aware of the children's needs and their "hanging on" signals like leg crossing, fiddling and restlessness. Often a reminder about the toilet is often all that is needed.

If they do have an occasional accident we will not make a fuss but will be discreet (ie not make a public display of them but do it privately) and help them clean up and put on dry/clean clothes.

We encourage them to wash their hands after using the toilet and do incorporate this in the social, personal and health education.

We give opportunities throughout the day to visit the toilets as a group.

Whilst our staff will help children who have occasional 'accidents', we do expect children to be toilet trained as a condition of entry to the school.

The school will:-

Keep all, toilets open and available to children throughout the school day.

Ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of water, soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue, provided at a convenient height.

Ensure toilet facilities provide visual privacy for the user.

Implement and maintain an effective toilet cleaning, supervision and inspection regime to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.

Actively consult and involve the children in managing the toilets (via the School Council).

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