

Little Treasures Toilet Training Policy

When considering toilet training the most important thing to remember is your child has to be ready and settled within the nursery. There is no correct age to start training, all children are different. If you think your child is developmentally ready to start using the toilet we will endeavor to support you and your child to the best of our ability. Toilet training can be a very daunting process for parents but please be assured that our staff will work with you every step of the way to ensure this process is a smooth one. Please be aware that it can take longer for a child to toilet train at nursery as there is so much more happening within the nursery environment than at home. This is why we ask you to start toilet training your child at home for a short period before it is introduced at nursery.

At the beginning of toilet training children will be encouraged, on a regular basis to go to the toilet. We concentrate on praising success, even if children are just happy to sit on the toilet. Whilst your child is toilet training staff will keep you informed of their progress.

Please remember there are no set guidelines for toilet training, each child is an individual and will be treated like so during this process, staff will adhere to follow parental advice on the needs of each child.

We ask if you can supply items that will enable us to care for your child keeping them clean and comfortable. Please can you provide a good supply of spare clothes for example:

- 6 pairs of socks
- 6-10 pairs of pants
- 6-10 pairs of trousers
- 6 tops
- 2 pairs of shoes

Failure to provide the nursery with sufficient clothing may result in parents being contacted.

We ask parents if they could please dress your child in clothing that are manageable and can be quickly removed. Wet clothes will be bagged and put on your child's peg. Please check pegs for wet clothes at the end of your child's sessions.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow potties or child's toilet seats to be brought into nursery.

Here are a few links for guidance for parents who are looking for any help or ideas when potty training:
www.bbc.co.uk/health/physical.../child.../toddlers_toilettraining.shtml

<http://www.supernanny.co.uk/Advice/-/Health-and-Development/-/0-to-4-years/Potty-Training-Practical-Tips.aspx>

National Care Standard - A Safe Environment, Standard 2

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