

Hywel Dda Primary School

TOILET POLICY

September 2023



As a Rights Respecting School, we promote the values and principles of the UNCRS. This policy promotes and enables children to access:

Children at Hywel Dda Primary are all at stages of toilet training. We accept this and encourage all children to develop independent self-care skills which are appropriate to their level of development. No child will ever be excluded or treated less favourably because of incontinence.

Ways in which we support toilet training before children start nursery:

- We try and take time to speak with parents during link up sessions about how confident their children are about using the toilet
- Parents and children are shown the toilet facilities in the school
- Parents are encouraged to start toilet training (if developmentally appropriate) and to seek additional advice from their health visitor.
- We work with health visitors and the Early Years Inclusion Team to ensure early advice is given to families.

When toilet training is started:

- Some children will start school wearing pull-ups/nappies and some will remain in them for their time in nursery.
- Toilet training will always take place in consultation with parents, who wishes are paramount
- Children will not be forced to start toilet training before they are ready
- When children are in school in pull ups, changing arrangements will be discussed with parents.
- Parents will provide spare pull-ups/nappies.

Ways in which we support toilet training in nursery:

- Sometimes a particular member of staff will work with an individual children to support toileting
- Children will be taken to the toilet at regular intervals
- Motivators may be used to encourage children into the toilet-books, bubbles, moving toys
- Particular toilets may be 'designed' with a child in mind e.g the 'Thomas' toilet.

- Rewards may be given when a child sits on the toilet – bubble blowing, stickers, playing with a special toy
- Children may be taken to the toilet together so a less confident child can gain confidence sharing in the toileting experience
- Children are encouraged to be independent and to have a go at wiping themselves and flushing the toilet etc but will be overseen by a member of staff
- Information about toileting will be passed on to parents at the end of each session.

Changing children:

- It is expected that children in this age range will have accidents
- No child will be told off for having an accident and the situation will be dealt with kindly and sensitively
- Children will be changed in a specific place and their privacy respected. We will work towards a screened off area for changing.
- Children will always be changed by a member of staff and not by students, volunteers or other helpers in the class
- Children are changed standing up, or on a changing table. Adults will use disposable gloves and aprons. Wet wipes are available in nursery.
- Children will be encouraged and supported to help change themselves
- Where children are in nappies, soiled nappies will be placed in nappy sacks and in the designated and separate bin for disposal
- Where children have wet/soiled themselves their clothes will always be bagged and returned to parents.

Where toileting is difficult:

- Where there is a concern that there may be a medical problem, this will be discussed with parents who may choose to seek medical attention
- Where parents need more support a referral to the Health Visitor or Toileting Outreach service may be made.
- Where children have significant anxieties around toileting, a referral to Cardiff Family Advice Service or similar organisation may be made.
Where children have special educational needs, the advice of the lead paediatrician or HV for special needs will be sought.

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