

# Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Managing Toileting Policy



## WE BELIEVE

Children become confident and independent with toileting in their own time. Most children will have achieved independence with toileting before starting kindy. We promote and facilitate the inclusion of all children and no child will be excluded from attending Bertram Hawker Kindergarten due to developing their independence with toileting.

Parents and staff should discuss any toileting concerns that parents may have with their child at the time of enrolment to establish whether a Continence Care or Toileting Care and Learning Plan should be completed.

Children are encouraged to be independent and self-manage undressing/dressing and toileting when possible.

### *What if my child has a 'toileting accident' while at kindy?*

Staff will always be mindful of children's dignity and will offer support to children to minimise any anxiety or distress the child may have.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM STAFF

Staff will support children to independently change into clean clothes, either in the children's or adult bathroom, so children are able to change discreetly and privately.

If a child has wet/soiled clothing and needs to be cleaned, staff will guide the child to a toilet cubicle.

Staff will stand on the outside of the cubicle and talk a child through toileting and/or wiping, encouraging children to clean themselves to the best of their ability. Staff are not expected to have physical contact with the child but rather give specific verbal instructions and guidance.

Staff will alert another staff person that they are 'off the floor' supporting a child in the bathroom (and make other staff aware when they are back on the floor). Staff will endeavour to make sure they are as visible as practical while changing a child.

## WHAT WE EXPECT OF PARENTS

It is the responsibility of parents to let staff know if a child may need support in toileting.

Regardless of a child's toileting skills, parents are expected to supply a clean change of clothes in their child's kindy bag each day.

## BE AWARE THAT

On rare occasions a child may soil themselves to such an extent that they need the physical assistance of an educator to clean themselves.

If the child is unwell, for example gastro, their parents will be contacted.

***We welcome parents to talk with staff regarding this policy***