



## Leigh Creek Kindergarten

# Toileting Policy

While the majority of children enrolling at Kindergarten are toilet trained, a number of children of preschool age are not developmentally ready. Leigh Creek Kindergarten promotes the inclusion of all children, including those with health care needs and to deny them enrolment would be discriminatory. Most children's toileting needs can be managed by the site practices outlined below.

1. Families are to provide their child with a change of clothing in case of accidents (toileting or otherwise)
2. Some children who enrol in preschool are not toilet trained and may require some support in this area. It is important that this information is provided to the preschool when the child is enrolled in order for staff to plan appropriate support. Please see '**Nappy Changing Policy**' below
3. Toileting support involves reminding a child to use the toilet. We expect families to teach their children how to pull down/up their own pants, wipe their own bottom, flush the toilet, etc. please ensure your child wears clothes that they are able to manipulate independently, i.e. easy buttons, zips, etc.
4. Staff may be able to support a toilet training program but are unable to take full responsibility for toilet training. This is the family's responsibility. Specific toileting strategies need to be recommended by a professional, with a focus on developing the child's independence and reflective of educators roles and responsibilities. Families are responsible for providing all aids and equipment their child may need.
5. The kindergarten will provide resources staff may need to complete their duties, i.e. gloves and hand washing facilities
6. Children wearing pull ups/nappies need to be in a fresh pull up/nappy when they arrive at Kindergarten. If they soil or become noticeably wet and/or uncomfortable parents will be contacted to collect their child for changing.

### **Changing of Children's Clothes Policy**

- Staff are to encourage children to change their own clothing
- If a staff member helps children to change clothing, ensure another adult is nearby
- Put soiled clothing in a plastic bag (double bag if necessary)- tied to seal the bag and put in child's bag
- Record changing of clothes on appropriate forms

### **Nappy Changing Policy**

- Due to a lack of staff and inadequate changing facilities we are unable to change children in nappies
- Children attending Kindergarten in nappies require a continence plan written by a Medical Practitioner. A copy is to be provided to the Kindergarten
- In the event of a child becoming soiled or noticeably wet and/or uncomfortable a Parent/Carer will be called to collect their child for changing

Endorsed by Leigh Creek Kindergarten Governing Council, March 2018

Signed ..... (Chairperson)    Date .....

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