



Streaky Bay Children's Centre

NAPPY CHANGE POLICY

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Children will have their nappies checked regularly and changed when required. Staff will interact with children in a warm respectful manner while changing nappies. Safety and hygiene will remain paramount at all times.

IMPLEMENTATION

Educators will:

- Check nappies at least once per session.
- Ensure that students and volunteers are not responsible for changing nappies and are supervised if required to do so.
- Wear gloves when changing nappies
- Wash their hands before and after changing a child
- Ensure they have access to items needed for nappy change before placing a child on the change table e.g. gloves/nappy
- Never leave a child unattended on the change table.
- Undress and dress children who are unable to do so themselves while naming what they are doing and following the child's initiative. Educators will support children who can dress and undress themselves with regards to child's right to privacy and dignity.
- Place any wet clothing in a plastic bag before placing in the child's bag and replace with clean clothes (either the child's clothing from home or spare clothing from the Centre's lost and found). Place soiled clothing in plastic container in nappy change area(a note sent to parents to inform them where clothing is located). Place paper towel under the child's nappy when changing.
- Remove the child's nappy in a downward motion and fold over the soiled side.
- Clean the child's bottom with wipes at every change.
- Remove the nappy, wipes and paper towel and enclosing the nappy parcel in the gloves by peeling back from their wrists, turning them inside out and place in the bin.
- Place a clean nappy on the child.
- If the child needs nappy cream applied, the correct medical forms must be returned and the cream supplied by parents (see *Dealing with Medical Conditions Policy*). Apply nappy cream with a new glove.
- Take child off of the change table using the steps where possible
- Wipe change area with disinfectant and paper towel and place in the bin
- Help the child to wash their hands. Educators can role model by washing their own hands.
- Help child to resume their play
- Record the individual toileting/ nappy change information and provide to parents.

Families Will:

- Ensure their child has clean changes of clothing in their bags in case of accidents.
- Wash and return any spare clothes their child borrows from the Centre.
- Provide nappies and wipes for their child. If not provided the centre nappies and wipes will be used.
- Complete a Medication Authority form if sending nappy cream to the Centre with their child. When purchasing nappy cream, please ensure the pharmacist label is not placed over the cream's use-by date.

National Quality Standards:

- Standard 2: Children's Health and Safety

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