



Streaky Bay Children's Centre **TOILETING POLICY**

Rationale:

Some children who enrol at the Streaky Bay Children's Centre 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.

Most children's toileting needs can be managed by the site practices outlined below.

The duty of care for children is our priority and educators will support children with regards to children's rights to privacy and dignity.

- It is suggested that all families provide their child with a change of clothes in case of accidents (toileting or otherwise). It is quite common for preschool children to have toileting accidents and they are often happier to change into familiar clothes that they identify as their own. The centre keeps a supply of spare clothes for emergency situations.
- Educators will always support children in the above circumstances and endeavour to change them in a manner that provides privacy, minimises anxiety and encourages independence.
- Educators will endeavour to inform another staff member should they need to change a child and do so within hearing of other staff. This is for the protection and safety of all concerned.
- Toileting support involves reminding a child to use the toilet or supporting the child in independently using the toilet. We encourage families to teach their children how to pull down/up their own pants, how to wipe their own bottom, how to flush the toilet, etc. Please ensure your child wears clothes that they are able to manipulate independently, i.e. easy buttons, zips, etc.
- Staff will work together with families to support a toilet training program with a focus on developing the child's independence. Support from health professionals is available if needed.
- Families are responsible for providing items their child may need i.e. nappies, pull-ups, wipes and spare clothes (including underpants)
- The Streaky Bay Children's Centre will provide the resources staff may need to complete their duties, i.e. gloves, hand wash, changing facilities.
- Wet or soiled clothing will be placed in a sealed bag in a sealed bucket in the occasional care wet area for families to collect at the end of the day. A note will be placed in the child's pigeon hole informing families of this.
- If a child needs support that is additional or different to the practices and procedures outlined above an individual continence care plan is needed in consultation with your child's health professional. Please speak to the Director for further information and support with this process.

Toileting and changing of children's clothing procedure:

- Staff encourage children to independently toilet and change their own clothes.
- Wear Gloves if supporting with toileting.
- Collect clothing out of child's bag OR spare clothing kept in bathroom cupboard.
- Put soiled clothing in plastic bag and place in soiled clothing bucket in occasional care wet area.
- Wash hands and child's hands
- Put clean clothing on with clean hands (not used gloves).
- Record information on **toileting information form** and put into child's pigeon hole to communicate to parent/caregivers.

National Quality Standards: Standard 2: Children's Health and Safety

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