

Hallett Cove Karrara Kindy Toileting Policy



Preamble: While the majority of children enrolling in preschool are toilet trained, many children of preschool age are not developmentally ready. We promote 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 current site practices and procedures as outlined below:

- 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 preschool keeps a supply of spare clothes for emergency situations.
- Staff will always support children in the above circumstances and endeavor to change them in a manner that provides privacy, minimizes anxiety and encourages independence. Department for Education policy advises that it is not essential to have two people present although at times it may be necessary. Department for Education policy also allows for children to be changed by staff of the opposite gender. Staff at Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten will endeavor 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.
- 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.
- Toileting supports may involve reminding a child to use the toilet or supporting them in the toileting process.
- Staff may be able to support a toilet training program, as part of a full-time intervention plan, but they are unable to take full responsibility for toilet training; this is generally a family responsibility. Training and timing strategies need to be recommended by a professional, and reflect the responsibility of education staff while focusing on developing the child's independence. The family is responsible for providing the aids and equipment needed by their child, ie nappies or pull-ups, wipes, change of clothes (including extra underpants).
- The kindergarten is responsible for providing the equipment their staff require to implement their duties, ie gloves, hand gels/soap, changing facilities.
- Children wearing nappies need to be in a fresh nappy when they arrive at kindergarten. If they soil or become noticeably wet or uncomfortable staff will change the child according to the practices outlined above.
- Children who attend for a full day will be checked at lunch time, and changed if necessary.
- Wet or soiled clothing will be sent home for washing. Used nappies will be disposed of by the Kindergarten.

If a child requires support that is additional or different to the site practices and procedures outlined in the above policy, an individual continence care plan may be required.

See Director for further information and support with this process.

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