

Health and Safety

01.04 Children's bathrooms and changing areas

- Children are provided with drawstring bags for spare clothing and nappies/pants
- Children have low changing surfaces they can climb on to, or floor surface is used. Staff should not lift children on to waist high units.
- Changing mats are cleaned and disinfected in changing areas.
- Disposable nappies/training pants are cleared of solid waste and placed in a nappy disposal bin.
- Staff use single use gloves and aprons to change children and wash hands when leaving changing areas.
- Staff never turn their backs on or leave a child unattended whilst on a changing mat.
- Changing areas or stands are provided for older (disabled) children, if required.
- Changing mats are disinfected after each change.
- Anti-bacterial spray is not used where residue may have direct contact with skin.
- Anti-bacterial sprays used in nappy changing areas are not left within the reach of children.
- All other surfaces are disinfected daily.

Children's toilets and wash basins

- Children's toilets are cleaned twice daily using disinfectant cleaning agent for the bowls (inside and out), seat and lid, and whenever visibly soiled.
- Toilet flush handles are disinfected daily.
- Toilets not in use are checked to ensure the U-bend does not dry out and are flushed every week. Taps not in use are run for several minutes every two to three days to prevent infections such as Legionella.
- Disposable antibacterial wipes or disinfectant cleaning agent and a disposable cloth is used to clean children's toilets and stored out of reach of children.
- Cubicle doors and handles are washed daily.

- Children's hand basins are cleaned daily and whenever visibly soiled, inside, and out using disinfectant cleaning agent. Separate disposable cloths are used to clean basins etc. and are not interchanged with those used for cleaning toilets.
- Paper towels are provided.
- Bins are provided for disposal of paper towels and are emptied daily.
- All bins are lined with plastic bags.
- Staff who clean toilets wear single use, disposable gloves.
- Staff changing children wear gloves and aprons as appropriate.
- Wet or soiled clothing is put in a plastic bag for parents to collect.
- Floors in children's toilets are washed daily.
- Spills of body fluids are cleared and mopped using disinfectant and disposable paper towels immediately.
- Mops are rinsed and wrung after use and stored upright, not stored head down in buckets.
- Used water is discarded down the adults toilet.

This policy was adopted by Acorn Playgroup and Pre-school on 01 September 2023