



Toileting procedure

While the majority of children enrolling in kindergarten are toilet trained, a number of children of kindergarten age are not developmentally ready. Chandlers Hill Kindergarten promotes the inclusion of all children, including those with health care needs. Most children's toileting needs can be managed by the site practices outlined below. The duty of care for our children is our priority.

- 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. We keep a supply of spare clothes for emergency situations.
- Staff will always support children in the above circumstances and endeavour to change them in a manner that provides privacy, minimises anxiety and encourages independence.
- DECD policy advises that it is not essential to have two people present although at times it may be necessary. DECD policy also allows for children to be changed by staff of the opposite gender. Staff 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.
- Some children who enrol in kindy are not toilet trained and may require some support in this area. It is important that this information is provided to the kindergarten when the child is enrolled in order for staff to plan appropriate support.
- Toileting support involves reminding a child to use the toilet or supporting the child in independently using the toilet. We expect 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 may be able to support a toilet training program but they are unable to take full responsibility for toilet training, this is a family responsibility. Specific toileting strategies need to be recommended by a professional, with a focus on developing the child's independence and reflective of educator's roles and responsibilities.
- Families are responsible for providing all aids and equipment their child may need i.e. pull-ups, wipes and spare clothes (including knickers/jocks). The kindergarten will provide the resources staff may need to complete their duties.
- Children wearing pull ups need to be in a fresh pull up when they arrive at kindergarten, if they soil or become noticeably wet and/or uncomfortable staff will change the child in accordance to practises outlined above.
- Children who are wearing a pull up will only be checked at lunchtime. However, if it comes to our attention earlier they will be changed if necessary.

- Wet or soiled clothing will be sent home for washing. Used nappies will be disposed of by the kindergarten. Soiled knickers/jocks may be disposed of at a staff's discretion due to hygiene and OHSW practices (inadequate place to store soiled underwear).
- If a child needs regular support with toileting or is in pull-ups/nappies a continence care plan is needed in consultation with your child's doctor. Please speak to the Director for further information and support with this process.

