

**Potty/Toilet Training Policy**

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

If your child successfully uses the toilet on a regular basis at home and is beginning to understand when they feel they need to go and are confident in pulling their trousers and underwear up and down independently, then please organise a conversation with the Key person for your child.

No child will be potty/toilet trained until fully settled and secure within the nursery environment this includes transitions between rooms within the nursery.

Children will be encouraged, not forced, to use the potty/toilet whilst at nursery to prevent causing anxiety or low self-esteem.

Each child will be individually monitored and parents will be informed of their child’s progress.

• During the transitional period, it is paramount that each child’s self-esteem and confidence remains high.

• A record of each toilet use/nappy change will continue to be logged on the nappy changing sheet.

• Children training will be gently encouraged to sit on the potty/toilet every time they are changed.

• Once they are ready, children will transfer from nappies to underwear (or pull-ups if necessary) and be escorted to the toilet regularly.

• We will ask you to ensure there are always 3 full sets of spare, labelled clothes in your child’s bag in case your child needs to be changed on more than one occasion. (the nursery will not accept responsibility for unlabelled lost items).

• Parents will be asked to dress their children in clothing that will make it easy to take on and off independently, no dungarees, belts or tricky buttons.

• Children will be reminded to go to the toilet every 20-30 minutes by a member of staff and a record will be kept on their toileting throughout the day.

• Accidents will be dealt with sensitively, although children will be encouraged to undress and redress themselves, staff will be there to offer support and offer reassurance.

• If your child is in underwear and has persistent accidents (2 or more) in one day, we will put a pull-up or nappy back on them to save further upset, anxiety and stress for your child.

• If persistent accidents continue, we will advise that you may need to delay potty training for a short while and resume at a later date.

• Staff will always give positive praise and encouragement after each visit to the toilet.