

Nappy Change Policy/Procedure Reg46/HS3

Rationale

Treasure Tree is committed to ensure that all children are treated with dignity and respect. At Treasure Tree we believe that all children will have a positive, safe experience whilst having their nappy changed. Nappy changing time should consist of discussion, fun and visual stimulation.

Objectives:

Children are treated with dignity and respect.

Practices used are hygienic and safe for children.

Nappy should be checked regularly and changed regularly.

Guidelines

- Educator will need to discuss individual needs and expectations with parents regarding the nappy changing of the child.
- Parents will provide nappy for the children unless have other arrangement with the educator
- For children under the age of 2 years, record toileting information in the Toileting/Nappy Changing Record sheet, as provided.
- For children over the age of 2 years record all nappy changes or accidents in the Toileting/Nappy Changing Record sheet, as provided.
- If required, parents will provide their own nappy cream with the child's name on it which is to be used for their child only. For on-going medications, including nappy rash powder/cream, a preventative medication form can be filled out and signed by the parent each month. Refer to 'Appendix 2 – Categories of Medicine, and written authority required from parents' or ask your coordinator if you are unsure (copy provided and can be downloaded from Storypark Educator section).
- Educator will change the infant/child's nappy as soon as she is aware that it is soiled or at a minimum once every 3 hours.
- Nappy should be changed as soon as a poo is discovered in the nappy
- The nappy change area is physically appealing, i.e. mobiles, photos, pictures.
- Educator will verbalise to children that their nappy is about to be changed.
- Educator and/or children will wash their hands before and after each nappy change. Nappy wipes are provided by the parents for children's hand washing or soap and tap water if the child is old enough.
- If relevant, Educator may wish to wear a new set of gloves for every child that they change.
- A new nappy change surface (e.g. paper towel or disposable sheet) is used for each child.
- Educator will keep a hand on the child at all times that the child is on the nappy change mat.

- Used nappies are placed in plastic bag and to be placed in a proper bin which the child does not have access of.
- Children can then be taken back into the play space.
- The educator will now spray the nappy change mat using paper towels and disinfectant (0.1% hypochlorite) if applicable.
- Educator will wash their hands after a nappy change.

Disinfectant (0.1% hypochlorite) is to be made up as per guidelines from Cleaning and Disinfection Policy. Disinfectant is to be kept in provided spray bottles only and kept at the back of the change area – out of the reach of children.