

EYFS Toilet Training Policy

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1.0 Policy statement

- At Dixons Allerton we recognise that some children will attend our school will still wear nappies due to age, medical needs or an additional need.
- We understand that some of these children may remain in nappies during their time with us but that many of them will need support with their toilet training.
- We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children can learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.
- No child will be potty trained until fully settled and secure within the school environment.
- Children will be encouraged not forced.

2.0 Aims

This policy aims to:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities of staff and parents
- Outline the terms under which toilet training will begin
- Clarify the process and procedures of toilet training at DAA

3.0 Scope

This policy applies to:

- Children aged 3 and up
- All staff (Not including non-teaching students, volunteers, supply staff and teaching students)

4.0 Toilet Training

When will toilet training begin?

- Initially your child will slowly be encouraged to use the toilet/potty at home. If your child is beginning to use the toilet at home on a regular basis and is beginning to understand when they feel they need to go by body gesture or by communicating their need to use the toilet /potty and only then will we begin at nursery.
- If a child is in nappies/ pull ups and is showing they are aware of when they have been to the toilet in their nappy/ pull up, we will begin to encourage children to go to the toilet. They will need to remain in nappies/ pull ups until they are showing awareness of the feeling of needing to go to the toilet and are either demonstrating before they go they need to go or take themselves to the toilet.

When will we pause/ stop toilet training?

- If your child is in underwear and has persistent accidents (3 or more) in one day, or is not offering any gestures or communicating their need to use the toilet/potty then 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.
- If toilet training is causing the child severe anxiety or stress

Responsibilities of Parents

- Provide 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. (Nursery will not accept responsibility for unlabelled lost items).
- Dress your children in sensible clothing that is easy to take on and off independently. No dungarees, belts or tricky buttons.
- Ensure you continue with toilet training at home as we are at school.

Responsibilities of Staff

- Ensure that during the transitional period, the self-esteem, confidence and safeguarding of the child is paramount.
- Gently encourage the child to sit on the toilet every time they are changed.
- Once ready, transfer the child from nappies to underwear (or pull ups if necessary) and escort child to the toilet regularly.
- Remind the child to go to the toilet throughout the day and keep a record of their toileting.
- Ensure that all nappy changes are logged on the child's individual sheet.
- Deal with accidents in a sensitive manner. Encourage the child to undress themselves in the toilet, offer support and reassurance and encourage the child to redress themselves. Place soiled clothes in a nappy bag to send home.
- Always give positive praise and encouragement after each visit to the toilet.
- If necessary, use visuals to support the child's understanding.
- Staff will follow any specific health and care plans for individual children as and when needed.
- Staff will seek advice from external agencies for support with a child's toilet training/ continence when necessary (i.e. school nursing team or incontinence team)
- Nappy changes should happen every 3 hours or less. If children soil their nappy this should be changed straight away. For wet nappies, every 3 hours.

Record Keeping

- A record of each nappy change will continue to be logged on the nappy changing sheet.
- Children will be reminded to go to throughout the day by a member of staff and a parents will be informed of their child's progress at the end of the session.

Nappy Changing Log for Class:

Date	Time	Notes	Staff Member
