



Toilet Training Policy

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When considering toilet training the most important thing to remember is the **CHILD HAS TO BE READY** and settled at the nursery. There is no correct age to start training, all children are different. If they are not ready the whole process will take a lot longer and will be much more stressful for the child.

It is useful to be mindful of the following:

- Please dress your child in clothing that is easily removed – dungarees and trousers with zips and buttons may make life awkward.
- A good supply of spare pants, trousers, socks and washable shoes (daps or doodles) will be necessary.
- Please check pegs for wet clothes at the end of there sessions
- Please let staff know whether your child prefers to use the toilet or potty. As we have children’s toilets this will encourage them to use the toilet at home.
- Inform staff if there are any special words your child uses to express the need for the toilet.
- At the beginning of toilet training children will be encouraged, on a regular basis to go up to the toilet.
- We concentrate on praising success, even if children are just happy to sit on toilet/ potty.
- Children may still need a nappy to go to sleep in.
- It is not unusual for children to regress after a while and have a few accidents. If this does happen we still carry on encouraging and praising them for the times they are using the toilet/potty.