



Termoncanice Nursery Unit

Toileting Policy

Rationale

At Termoncanice Nursery Unit, we believe that the majority of children are expected to be able to go to the toilet when they feel the need, but occasionally children have to be reminded. Children are reminded before snack time, going out doors or before home time. We encourage children to take responsibility for themselves. Parents can aid this by dressing children in nursery uniform trousers with elastic tops or other easily managed clothing. Hand washing is a consistent part of the toileting routine. The toilet area has liquid soap and paper towels available.

Our child toileting policy is based on the following principles:

1. Children are capable of learning self-management skills.
2. While children who attend Termoncanice Nursery Unit will generally be toilet trained, staff acknowledges that occasionally accidents will occur.
3. Toileting accidents will be handled with consideration for a child's dignity.
4. The teacher and parents/guardians will work together, learn of any medical reason, worry, and stress or fear that may be causing the child to have toileting accidents, especially if they are re-occurring.

Procedures and Practice agreed by staff.

- Throughout the Induction Process staff will notify parents that children who attend Termoncanice Nursery Unit will generally possess the following skills:
 - They are able to use the toilet by themselves
 - They are toilet trained
 - They are able to wash their hands after toileting
- As part of the Induction process staff will notify parents that they are to provide a change of underwear and clothes for their child at school. Staff members will explain to parents that any serviceable clothing is fine.

- If parents are unable to provide a change of clothes, the nursery will provide a change of clothes. We would request that it is washed and returned to the Nursery as soon as possible.
- If the child has a wetting accident, permanent staff will assist the child to change into dry clothes. They will always be in view of another member of staff respecting the child's privacy. Wet garments will be wrapped in a plastic bag and given to parents. Parents will be informed of all toileting accidents. All parents are asked to sign a permission form permitting their child to be changed by a member of staff.
- Please note that if a child has soiled their underclothes the parent will be called to change the child into clean clothes. Due care/attention and supervision will be given to the child whilst they wait for the parent/guardian alongside the staff's continued responsibility for the remainder of the class.

Monitoring and Reviewing

This policy will be reviewed on an on-going basis and more frequently if the need arises by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Nursery Coordinator and Board of Governors.

Signature.....
 Nursery Coordinator
 Date.....

Signature.....
 Principal
 Date.....

Signature.....
 Chairperson of the Board Of Governors