



Intimate Care and Nappy Changing Policy

Purpose

Abi Nursery recognises that nappy changing and toileting are essential parts of caring for young children.

The nursery ensures that intimate care is carried out safely while respecting the **privacy and dignity of the child**.

Privacy and Dignity

Children will be treated with respect during nappy changing and toileting.

Staff will:

- speak to children throughout the process
 - explain what they are doing
 - maintain the child's dignity as far as possible.
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Safeguarding

While respecting privacy, staff must also ensure that children remain safe.

Where possible:

- nappy changing areas will be visible to other staff
- staff will avoid being completely isolated with a child.

This ensures safeguarding procedures are maintained.

Hygiene and Safety

Staff will follow strict hygiene procedures including:

- wearing gloves and aprons
 - cleaning changing areas after each use
 - washing hands thoroughly
 - disposing of nappies safely.
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Supporting Independence

Where appropriate, staff will encourage children to develop independence during toileting and personal care.

Children will be supported according to their age and stage of development.

Working with Parents

Parents will be informed of nappy changing routines and any concerns regarding a child's health or wellbeing.