



Toileting Policy Statement

Port Augusta West Childhood Service Centre

Port Augusta Childhood Service Centre promotes the health, safety and wellbeing of all children enrolled in the preschool programs.

The majority of children in this group are expected to go to the toilet when they feel the need, but occasionally children will have to be reminded. Rather than lining everyone up at once, children are reminded while washing up for snack times, lunch, rest time, walking etc. We encourage children to take responsibility for themselves, parents can aid this by dressing children in pants with elastic tops or other easily managed clothing. Hand washing is a consistent part of the toilet routine and the hand washing procedure is followed.

Mishaps do occur, parents can assist staff by providing extra clothing for their child. When children have a mishap, we change them without shaming or disgust. A loss of control often happens when children have not yet acquired complete control, are new to the Centre, are overly fatigued or are unwell. Many children are humiliated by wet or soiled underwear, and the staff are sensitive to this and help change the child in a quiet place.

Staff will guide and support children to get clean clothes either from their kindy bag or from the kindy stores and will provide a private area so children are able to change discretely in either the bathroom or locker room area.

If a child is wet / soiled, and needs to be cleaned staff will guide the child to a toilet cubicle.

Staff will alert another staff person that they are 'off the floor' supporting a child in the bathroom (and also make other staff aware when they are back on the floor). Staff will endeavour to make sure they are as visible as practical through the windows while changing a child. Generally it is not possible to have 2 staff supporting the child due to staffing ratios.

On rare occasions children may soil themselves and their body, and will need more support in cleaning themselves than being talked through adequate wiping. In instances of severe soiling a parent may need to be rung to come and collect their child especially if it is likely they have an infection (eg gastro, or if the child has diarrhoea)

The site does not have adequate bathing or washing facilities for children who have a major soiling incident.

Staff will at all times follow Health and Safety guidelines including the wearing of disposable gloves when handling soiled clothing, washing of hands when they have finished helping the child, and will monitor and support best practice hand washing practices with the child.

Soiled clothing will be sealed in a plastic bag(s) and placed in the child's kindy bag. Parents will be notified at pick up time of any toileting accidents their child may have had in the day, and that the clothes are in their child's kindy bag.

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