

Personal Care Policy

Statement of Intent

Omagh Early Years Centre support the right of the child to be safe and to protect from all forms of maltreatment, exploitation, physical, mental or sexual abuse and harm as outlined in articles 19 and 34 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989 and in compliance with The Children (N.I.) Order 1995.

Omagh Early Years Centre support the child's development in ways which foster security, confidence, and independence. Omagh Early Years Centre Policy in compliance with the Western Trust is to ensure that all staff are qualified to meet the necessary level of professional experience. Omagh Early Years Centre aim to ensure that staff are well informed about Child Protection issues and in line with current legislation to develop awareness skills of personal safety for staffs on protection and the protection of the child.

Procedures

Omagh Early Years Centre promote a toileting and personal care program and work in partnership with parents/carers to help the child develop a healthy interest in and understanding of how to look after his/her own personal needs. Staff will consult with parents/carers on a regular daily basis.

- The baby changing unit for the personal safety and protection of the staff and the protection of the child shall be in an open area that offers privacy
- A child will never be left unattended on a nappy changing unit
- Parents will be responsible for supplying nappies, baby wipes and nappy cream of their choice for their baby
- Baby wipes will be used to clean babies unless they have a known allergy or parents instruct differently
- Staff will dispose of soiled/wet nappies, wipes, gloves in nappy disposable bins
- Individual face cloths will be used to clean children's faces.
- Changing unit will be cleaned on each occasion with disinfectant.
- Staff will only institute toilet training on a parent's instruction or request. (See relevant potty-training policy)
- Staff will try to ensure a child's privacy whilst at the toilet or whilst being changed
- If children are independent in using the toilet, staff will encourage them to do as much for themselves as possible
- Staff will apply sun cream for children when necessary and will always wear gloves. (see relevant sun protection policy)
- Staff members will wash hands and support the child to do the same
- Staff will help children be aware of when they need to use a handkerchief and how to use and dispose of it

Other Key Policies

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Partnership with Parents Policy
- Nappy Changing Policy
- Sun Protection Policy
- Potty Training Policy