



Dealing with Soiled Children Procedure

This procedure should be read in conjunction with the 'Health Practices Policy'.

Assisting the child

1. Staff will be sensitive to the nature of the situation and reassure the child that it will be remedied quickly and with a minimum of fuss.
2. At the discretion of the Supervisor, parents or guardians may be notified of the situation prior to the following procedures, or arrangements made for the prompt collection of the child.
3. Soiled clothing will be removed from the child as soon as possible. If the child requires assistance undressing and cleaning themselves, one staff will assist the child and another staff will be present to ensure the safety of the child.
4. Gloves will be worn to prevent the spread of infection and all surfaces will be cleaned afterwards as necessary.
5. In the case of a child needing to use wet wipes for cleaning themselves, a separate rubbish bag will be provided for the wipes so that they are not flushed down the toilet. This bag will be double bagged and disposed of in the outside bins away from children.
6. Permission from the parent or guardian will be sought if a shower is required for the child.
7. The child will be provided with new underwear and an appropriate change of clothes.

Dealing with the soiled clothing

1. Soiled clothing will be emptied into the toilet if possible, then straight into an empty washing machine cycle with both washing powder and 2 cups of white vinegar for disinfectant.
2. Once the cycle has finished and the clothes removed, the washing machine will be run through again with 2 full cups of vinegar and a sprinkle of bi-carb soda to sanitise for future washes.
3. If the child has any signs of infection (e.g. diarrhea) the clothing will not be washed. It will be double bagged and either stored out of reach of children or discarded in the outside bin that is away from children and the parents will be called to collect their child ASAP.

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