THE LADY GEORGE KINDERGARTEN

Procedures For Managing Toileting

Introduction

The Lady George Kindergarten promotes the health, safety and wellbeing of all children enrolled in the preschool programs.

Staff will discuss any toileting concerns parents may have with their child(ren) at the time of enrolment to establish whether a Continence Care or Toileting Care and Learning Plan should be completed. It is parents' responsibility to let staff know if a child has any health issues where children may need support in toileting.

What if my child has a ‘toileting accident’ while at kindy?

Staff will always be mindful of children’s dignity and will offer support to children to minimize any anxiety or distress the child may have.

What will staff do to help my child if they have a toileting accident?

Children are encouraged to be independent and self-manage undressing / dressing and toileting when possible. Parents are expected to supply a clean change of clothes in their child’s kindy bag each day.

Staff will guide and support children to get clean clothes either from their locker 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 not be in the cubicle area with a child, but will stand on the outside of the cubicle and verbally talk a child through toileting and / or wiping, encouraging children to clean themselves to the best of their ability. Staff are not expected to have physical contact with the child but rather give specific verbal instructions and guidance.

The kindy will supply flushable toilet wipes and disposable bags for children’s soiled clothing.

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 a child 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 labelled to be hung outside above the cupboard area above child height for parent collection. Parents will be notified at pick up time of any toileting accidents their child may have had in the day, and will be directed to the soiled clothing bag.

What if toileting accidents continue to happen at kindergarten?

If you are at all concerned about your child’s toileting development you can speak with a health professional, a staff person or your local CAYS nurse.

If there is no medical reason established for your child having regular or repeated accidents at kindergarten parents and staff may decide to develop a continence / Toilet plan specific to your child’s needs.

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