

01 Health and safety procedures

**01.4 Children’s bathrooms/changing areas**

* Parents are required to provide a bag with spare clothing and nappies/pants
* Toddlers have a floor surface mat for changes. Staff should not have to lift heavy toddlers on to waist high units.
* Changing mats are cleaned and disinfected.
* Disposable nappies/trainers are cleared of solid waste and placed in nappy disposal units.
* Staff use single use gloves and aprons to change children and wash hands when leaving changing areas. Please note that gloves are not always required for a wet nappy if there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them for a wet nappy. Gloves are always worn for a ‘soiled’ nappy.
* Staff never turn their backs on or leave a child unattended whilst on a changing mat.
* Changing mats are disinfected after each change.
* Anti-bacterial spray is not used where residue may have direct contact with skin.
* Anti-bacterial sprays used in nappy changing areas are not left within the reach of children.
* All other surfaces are disinfected daily.

**Children’s toilets and wash basins**

* Children’s toilets are cleaned twice daily using disinfectant cleaning agent for the bowls (inside and out), seat and lid, and whenever visibly soiled.
* Toilet flush handles are disinfected daily..
* Cubicle doors and handles (or curtains) are washed weekly.
* Children’s hand basins are cleaned twice daily and whenever visibly soiled, inside, and out using disinfectant cleaning agent.
* Staff who clean toilets wear disposable gloves.
* Staff changing children wear gloves and aprons as appropriate.
* Wet or soiled clothing is sluiced, rinsed, and put in a plastic bag for parents to collect.
* Floors in children’s toilets are washed daily.
* Spills of body fluids are cleared and mopped using disinfectant.

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