Toilet Training Policy

Aim

- The aim of this policy is to ensure that children's needs, whether they are in potty training or using the toilet, are consistently met.

Objectives

- To ensure good hygiene practices are followed.
- To keep children comfortable and clean.
- To build children's confidence and self-esteem when using the toilet.
- To ensure parent's/carers provide the necessary items to support with children's toilet training.

Guidelines

- If your child is currently toilet training or you feel that they are ready to start, then parents/carers are advised to discuss this with their child's key person on how they are approaching the subject at home. When parents first discuss it with the key person, they will share advice and strategies with them. It is our aim to continue the work started by the parent/carer to ensure continuity for the child.
- Children need to be able to recognise when they need the toilet so they can communicate this to the staff members.
- When children are toilet training, we would recommend that they wear pants to enable them to recognise the feeling of being wet, but we understand that it might be too much for some children to start with, so we are happy for them to be using pull ups.
- Parents are requested to bring in plenty of spare changes of clothes and shoes and we recommend that the child wears shoes that are easy to wash (i.e. crocs) when learning to use the toilet.
- If your child feels more comfortable with their own potty from home, then you are welcome to bring it in for them to use.
- Good hygiene practices are always followed at Skylarks and the children are shown how to use the toilet/potty and to wash their hands each time they use it.
- We want the children to learn to be independent.
- At Skylarks we want the whole toilet training experience to be a positive experience and we will never force a child to use the toilet.

This procedure was adopted by	Skylarks Community Preschool	*(name of provider)*
On	1st August 2022	*(date)*
Date to be reviewed	1st August 2023	*(date)*
Signed on behalf of the provider		
Name of signatory	Kathleen Thomson	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Manager/Trustee	

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