



‘Wild’ Toileting & Intimate Care Policy

Across all of our Nature Club sites we are very lucky to have toileting and nappy change facilities available for our convenience and comfort when undertaking personal care routines. We anticipate that all parents who attend sessions with their children will hold the responsibility for toileting their own children to provide the intimate care and support that they need.

For our older children who come unaccompanied we do ask that wherever possible you arrive early to toilet your child before the session starts but staff are on hand throughout the session to support children with this as well. All of our staff will have been DBS checked and are not allowed to supervise toileting until this has been completed.

Our Sites

Bentley Copse have their own private facilities at a convenient distance from wherever we are on site for staff, parents & children to use.

At Oaks Park there are also public conveniences located a 10 minute walk away from Base Camp within the park grounds. We always recommend you arrive on site with enough time before each session to use the facilities before we start but we know that nature can call unexpectedly, and particularly with younger children who may be toilet training. We therefore have additional toileting tents on this site for your convenience.

Porta Potty

At our Oaks Park site a toileting tent with a portable potty is available for use for our younger children to allow for continuity of toilet training. The porta potty has disposable deposit bags for each use that can be placed into the lidded bin provided after each use. Wipes and toilet paper used are to be placed into the individual toilet bag and secured before deposited. We ask all parents to wipe down the toilet seat with the wipes provided and place a new bag on after use ready for the next person.

Nappy Bucket

At our Oaks Park site a toileting tent with a lidded nappy bin and sanitised changing mat are available for use by parents & their children. We provide nappy bags and wipes. Soiled and wet nappies are disposed off into the lidded bin which is emptied at the end of each session. Parents are asked to wipe down the changing mat after each use so it is ready for the next parent.

In addition to this, across all of our sites, we are prepared for when these unexpected emergencies occur or when your child finds enjoyment from those 'wild wee' experiences – here's how;

Behind a Tree

This is often a popular option for children who are busy in their play and realise a little too late to make it to facilities that they need to go for a wee! We will encourage children to choose a nice wide tree that offers them privacy at least 5m away from where we are engaging in activities but within the boundaries of our site. Staff will support children as needed when parents are not on site to do so.

Dug Latrine

Small hand trowels are available for digging small holes for human waste disposal. Deposits would then be recovered to avoid any contamination. Suitable sites at least 5 metres away from main exploration areas need to be sought and same area should not be reused to avoid build up/ contamination. Additional bucket of soil and wood chip for better coverage should be kept to hand.

Across all of our sites handwashing facilities, antibacterial hand gel, antibacterial and baby wipes will be provided to maintain good hygiene levels.

Intimate Care

When providing intimate care we will ensure that the child's safety, dignity and privacy are maintained at all times.

'Intimate care' covers any task that involves the washing, touching or carrying out a procedure to intimate personal areas and is associated with bodily functions and personal hygiene, including, toileting, washing and dressing.

Our Team at Nature Club who provide intimate care will do so in a professional manner. Staff are aware of safeguarding issues and will have relevant training before providing intimate care. No child should suffer distress or pain as a result of receiving intimate care.

When intimate care is given, the member of staff will explain to the child each task that is carried out, and the reasons for it. Staff will encourage children to do as much for themselves as they can.

Dealing with blood and body fluids

Blood, vomit, urine and faeces will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of safely by double bagging the waste and removing it from the premises.

When they are dealing with body fluids, staff will wear personal protective clothing (disposable plastic gloves and aprons) and will wash themselves thoroughly afterwards.

Soiled children's clothing will be bagged to go home – staff will not rinse it. Children will be kept away from the affected area until the incident has been dealt with fully.

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