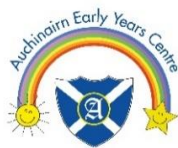


## Auchinairn Early Years Centre



### Children's Toileting

#### **Statement:**

At Auchinairn Early Years Centre we are committed to ensuring that all children in our care are supported with dignity, respect, and compassion when using the toilet.

We aim to provide a safe, hygienic and inclusive toilet experience that upholds every child's rights and well-being.

We recognise that both male and female staff members are equally capable and responsible for delivering high-quality care, including supporting children with their toileting and personal care routines. Children benefit from positive, respectful relationships with all adults regardless of gender, and our setting promotes gender and equality.

#### **Aims and Objectives:**

- Promote independence and confidence in toileting, while offering appropriate support when needed
  - Ensure privacy, dignity and respect are maintained at all times
- Provide consistent and sensitive support from both male and female staff
  - Maintain high standards of hygiene and infection control
- Comply with all legal and regulatory requirements set by Scottish Government and national frameworks

#### **Procedures:**

- Children have access to toilet facilities
- Staff offer supervision and support according to children's individual needs
  - Staff encourage children's independence
  - Children's privacy is always respected
- Toileting is carried out in a calm, unhurried and respectful manner
- Nappy changes and personal care are done discreetly and sensitively
  - Children are reminded regularly to use the toilet
- Toileting needs are monitored sensitively with individual support plans if needed
  - Hands are washed after toileting
  - PPE is worn during any personal care
- Toilets and changing areas are cleaned regularly using appropriate disinfectants
  - Intimate care routines are logged
- Any toileting accidents are handled discreetly and shared with parents as appropriate

- Wherever possible the same familiar staff members provide personal care to build trust
- Parents/Carers are informed during the settling in period that both male and female staff may support their child.

#### **Partnership with Parents:**

- Parents are consulted on their children's toileting needs and routines
  - A shared approach to toilet training is encouraged
  - Parents are kept informed of progress and any concerns
- We promote a shared understanding and work together with parents on any additional needs
- Parents, carers and visitors are not permitted to enter the children's toilet or changing areas at any time in order to uphold safeguarding, privacy and dignity of all children.

This policy is reviewed annually or in response to updated legislation or guidance.

Health and Social Care Standards – 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 4.2

Realising the Ambition

GIRFEC – Respected and Included

UNCRC – Article 2, 3, 16 and 24

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head of Centre**