

Health & safety – children's bathrooms



- Babies that attend full time are provided with a box for nappies, creams etc.
- Older babies/toddlers have a waist high changing unit that they can climb on to which prevents staff lifting heavy toddlers.
- Reasonable adjustments will be made for children with additional needs
- Staff never turn their backs on, or leave a baby unattended whilst on a changing mat
- Clean hygiene roll is used for every child and changing mats are disinfected after each change.
- Staff changing children wear vinyl or latex free gloves and aprons and wash hands when leaving changing areas.
- Used disposable nappies or trainer pants are cleared of solid material and placed into the nappy disposal units.
- Children's toilets are cleaned twice daily using disinfectant cleaning agent for the bowls (inside and out), seat and lid.
- Toilet flush handles are disinfected daily.
- Toilets that are not in use are checked to ensure that the U-bend is not drying out and are flushed every week. Taps that are not in use allowed to run for several minutes every 2 to 3 days to prevent infections such as legionella
- Cubicle doors and handles (or curtains) are washed weekly.
- Children's hand basins are cleaned twice daily inside and out using disinfectant cleaning agent.
- Separate cloths are used to clean basins etc and are not interchanged with those used for cleaning toilets. Colour coded cloths are used.
- Mirrors and tiled splash backs are washed daily
- Paper towels are provided
- Bins are provided for disposal of paper towels and are emptied daily
- All bins are lined with plastic bags
- Staff who clean toilets wear rubber gloves.
- Wet or soiled clothing is sluiced, rinsed and put in a plastic bag for the parents' to collect.
- Floors in children's toilets are washed twice daily.
- Spills of body fluids are cleared and mopped using disinfectant.
- Mops are rinsed and wrung after use
- Mops used to clean toilets or body fluids from other areas are designated for that purpose only these are colour coded to specify area, toilet mop is RED.
- All used water is discarded down the toilet
- Pictures on walls add colour to the bathroom, but should be laminated so they are easily cleaned.
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- Changing mats are disinfected after each change.
- Anti-bacterial spray is not used where residue may have contact with skin.
- Nappies/ trainer pants placed in plastic bags for disposal in the designated bin.
- Natural or mechanical ventilation is normally used to clear the air – chemical air fresheners are not generally used.

- All other surfaces are disinfected daily.
- Staff and children's sinks are cleaned and disinfected twice daily.
- Floor is mopped and disinfected daily using a designated RED mop.