



Disposal of Nappies and Waste Products Policy

At Creative Stars, safeguarding is our upmost priority. As part of our 'duty of care', the Environmental Protection Act 1990 expects us to have an available strategy for dealing with the storage and disposal of waste. The HSE publication states that nappies are classed as 'offensive/hygiene waste' if they are considered non-infectious. Nappies and waste from domestic first aid and self-care are assumed to be non-infectious unless a healthcare practitioner indicates otherwise.

We have a contract in place with South West hygiene who dispose of all clinical waste every month. All waste is stored in a yellow locked wheelie bin in yellow clinical waste sacks.

The disposal of waste (soiled and wet nappies) is significant and must be done as outlined below:

Procedures For Changing a Child's Nappy

- A clean pair of gloves must be used each time you change a child
- The changing area must be antibacterial sprayed before changing the child
- Child to use products provided by parents
- Staffs must be vigilant when changing children's nappies and be aware of any child protection issues as stated in the child protection policy
- If there is a concern, this must be written on a cause for concern form once the child has been changed and the form should be given to the safeguarding lead immediately
- Once the child has been changed, the nappy must be placed in a nappy sack and put in the nappy bin along with the apron and gloves used
- The changing unit must then be anti-bacterial sprayed and cleaned before another child is changed
- The nappy bin must be emptied and placed in the yellow clinical waste bags after each changing period
- Bags must not be overfilled – never exceeding 3 quarters of the bag's entirety
- Bags must be tied
- The bag must then be placed in the yellow wheelie bin located outside the nursery back door.
- Staffs changing children must have awareness of female mutilation and signs of child neglect and abuse.

Procedures for the removal of waste when administering first aid or if a child has been sick

- A clean apron and pair of gloves must be used by the adult administering the first aid
- Staff member to clean the area once first aid has been administered (if appropriate)
- Any waste (plasters, bandage, tissue, bodily waste, items used to clean up from the accident) should be placed in a nappy sack and then in a yellow sack
- The waste must be immediately removed of and put in the yellow wheelie bin located outside the nursery back door.
- Accident form to be completed and parents contacted immediately or at the end of the day dependent on the first aid administered.

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