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| **POLICY** | **TOILET TRAINING** |
| **SETTING** | **OVERTON PLAYCENTRE** |
| **AIMS** | No child will be excluded from our setting because they have not yet mastered toilet training or they are still in nappies. We work alongside parents/carers and will assist them with toilet training when they decide the time is right for their child. We aim to support the child and parents/carers in the quest to toilet train and we will encourage the children through lots of positive praise.  At Overton Pre-School Playcentre we treat each child as an individual. We are aware that children learn at different times and speeds. Patience and understanding are paramount in a child learning to toilet train and as such we will never make a child feel uncomfortable about toilet training. |
| **Objectives, Statements and Procedures** | ***Children in nappies***   * Parents/carers will need to bring with the child a supply of nappies, wipes and any cream required. * Nappies will be changed at regular intervals or as required if soiled. * There is a nappy changing log book located in the nappy change area. Staff will record each nappy change your child has during their session. Parents/carers are welcome to look at their child’s record at any time. * Staff always wear disposable gloves and aprons when changing nappies. * The changing mat will be cleaned with antibacterial spray. All staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.   ***Toilet training***   * All parents/carers will need to bring at least one change of clothes including pants and wipes. * Staff will oversee trips to the toilet and will give positive praise to help encourage them to use the toilet correctly and have good personal hygiene. * All children will be taught the importance of washing their hands after using the toilet. * If a child has an accident, the positivity will continue and the child will not be made to feel uncomfortable or humiliated in any way. The child will be cleaned and changed by a member of staff. Any wet or soiled clothes will be given back to the parents/carers at the end the session. * We do have a small supply of spare clothes for the odd occasions when parents/carers forget to bring a change. These must be washed and returned to Overton Playcentre in a timely manner. |

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| **Setting** | Overton Playcentre |
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