

The St Michael Steiner School

INCONTINENCE INCIDENT POLICY

It is generally expected that all children will be toilet trained and out of nappies before they begin at our kindergarten. However, it is inevitable that from time to time some children will have 'accidents' and need to be attended to. Occasionally, a child will be admitted to kindergarten who has developmental delay and is still wearing nappies or trainer pants.

In order to help the children to become aware of their bodily needs there are regular toileting times for all the children, and those who wish to go to the toilet outside of those times are always allowed to go. This however, does not always meet the needs of all the children who may not always recognise their bodily needs and respond to them in time. The school undertakes to attempt to support any training programme requested by a child's GP and/or the school doctor.

Each child is expected to have a complete set of spare clothes hanging in a bag on his peg. Any child with an incontinence problem is also expected to have his/her own bag of 'babywipes' and nappies/trainer pants also in this bag.

If a child soils him/herself in school time, the child is cleaned as efficiently as possible. In order to do this written permission must be given by the parents. If permission is not given by the parent/guardian, we will have to contact them to arrange for the child's immediate collection. The school will ensure that only designated members of staff from the Early years team are the ones to wash or shower the child. The member of staff will try to be as natural and discreet as possible for all concerned. We do not feel that it would be appropriate to have two people with the child at such a sensitive time. The member of staff washing the child will wear a protective apron and also protective gloves.

The incident will be recorded in our incident book and parents will be asked to sign this.

Soiled clothing will be wrapped in plastic bags that can be tied shut and then given to the parents to take home.

Our intention is that the child will never be left in soiled clothing, but will be cleaned as soon as the member of staff responsible for him/her is aware of the situation. The member of staff responsible will check the child regularly and to ensure that he/she is clean before going to another session in school or leaving to go home.