**Privacy and Dignity Policy for Toileting and Nappy Changing (EYFS 2025 Reforms)**

**Policy Statement**

At Little Acorns preschool, we are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and hygienic environment that supports the privacy and dignity of all children during toileting and nappy changing. This policy outlines the measures we take to ensure these routines meet children's physical and emotional needs, while also complying with safeguarding and hygiene requirements under the EYFS 2025 framework.

**Creating a Respectful and Safe Environment**

* All toileting and nappy changing will be conducted in a **calm, respectful, and supportive manner**.
* Staff will engage with children using **positive language** to encourage independence, build trust, and maintain comfort.
* Children’s personal needs and preferences will be acknowledged and respected throughout these routines.

**Supervision and Safeguarding**

* **All toileting and nappy changing areas will be appropriately supervised** while maintaining children's privacy.
* Staff will follow strict safeguarding protocols, ensuring that **children are never left unattended** during these routines.
* All staff involved in personal care are **DBS checked and trained** in safeguarding and hygiene practices.

**Balancing Privacy with Safety**

* Toileting and changing will take place in areas that:
  + Offer **privacy from other children and adults**
  + Allow **visual or auditory supervision** for safeguarding purposes.
  + Are **secure, clean, and fit for purpose**
* Partitions or doors will be used to promote privacy without compromising supervision.

**Consent and Communication**

* Children will be **encouraged to express their preferences** and given as much autonomy as is developmentally appropriate during nappy changing and toileting.
* Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to share their child’s toileting habits and preferences.
* Changes in routines or any toileting concerns will be communicated with parents promptly.

**Hygiene and Infection Control**

* Hands will be **washed and dried before and after each nappy change or toileting routine**.
* Disposable gloves will be worn during all personal care tasks and disposed of safely.
* **Changing mats and toilet areas will be sanitised** after every use.
* Soiled nappies will be **disposed of hygienically and in accordance with waste regulations**.

**Encouraging Independence**

* As children develop, they will be supported to:
  + Understand their bodily functions
  + Use the toilet independently
  + Wash and dry their hands correctly
* Staff will use age-appropriate encouragement to **foster confidence and independence** in toileting routines.

**Record Keeping**

* A record of nappy changes will be kept for each child, noting:
  + Time of change and any issues or concerns.

**Staff Training**

* All staff involved in personal care tasks will receive:
  + **Safeguarding training**
  + **Hygiene and infection control training**
  + **Training on promoting privacy, dignity, and emotional wellbeing**

**Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes**

This policy supports the 2025 EYFS safeguarding reforms.

**Signed:** Chairperson  
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