

**Elora Cooperative Preschool**  
**TOILETING and DIAPERING POLICY**

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Elora Cooperative Preschool recognizes that children develop at their own unique pace. We believe children should not be excluded from activities because of their level of ability. Therefore, Elora Cooperative Preschool does not require children to be toilet trained prior to their attendance in our program. If toilet training has been initiated at home, every effort will be made to continue in the preschool environment after discussion with the child's parent or caregiver. Staff also recognize and respect the diverse styles of toileting children based on religious or cultural practice.

**A. Untrained Children**

In accordance with the Child Care and Early Years Act 2014, a sanitary procedure for changing diapers is in effect and will be followed (see Diaper Changing and Toileting Procedure). Please send extra diapers and wipes to use for your child and leave in the child's back pack.

**B. Newly Trained Children**

1. Parents are asked to toilet their child prior to class to ensure that they are clean and dry.
2. To encourage children to gain independence and take responsibility for self dressing, parents are asked to dress children in easily managed clothing.
3. To ensure continuity, as often as possible staff will utilize the toileting schedule currently practiced at home.
4. Staff will observe the child throughout the program and will offer opportunities for the child to use the toilet if it appears they may need to eliminate.
5. Parents are asked to send the following with their child on a daily basis:
  - a. extra underwear
  - b. extra change of clothes
  - c. diaper wipes
  - d. plastic bag for soiled items

**C. Fully Trained Children**

1. Parents are asked to toilet their child prior to class to ensure they are clean and dry. Parents may send extra clothing as they feel necessary.
2. To encourage children to gain independence and take responsibility for self dressing, parents are asked to dress children in easily managed clothing.
3. Children in this category are generally expected to go to the washroom whenever they feel the need, although staff will remind the group while washing up for snack time and before outdoor play.

#### **D. Mishaps**

1. Mishaps do occur and parents can assist staff by ensuring there is extra clothing provided for their child. A loss of control often occurs when children have not yet acquired complete control, are new to the program, are overly fatigued, or are feeling unwell. Staff recognize that children are often humiliated by wet or soiled clothing, and are sensitive to this by changing them in a quiet place without shaming or disgust