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# **Nursery Toilet and** **Potty-training Policy**

<b>Policy Adopted for:</b>	<b>Oakwood Primary Academy</b>
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- Toilet potty training is an important milestone for every child.
- It is a self-care skill, and we give the children the opportunity to learn with the full support of all Nursery staff.
- Potty Training: We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children can learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.
- No child will be potty trained until fully settled and secure within the nursery environment.
- Potty training will not be introduced at nursery until it is fully established at home and the child is using the potty/toilet confidently.
- Children will be encouraged not forced.
- Initially your child should be encouraged to use the toilet/potty at home. If your child successfully uses the toilet on a regular basis and is beginning to understand when they feel they need to go, only then should you request potty training to begin at nursery.
- During the transitional period, it is paramount that each child's self-esteem and confidence remains high.
- A record of each nappy change will continue to be logged onto your child's Tapestry care diary.
- Children who are beginning potty training will be gently encouraged to sit on the toilet/potty every time they are changed.
- Once they are ready, children will transfer from nappies to underwear (or pull-ups if necessary) and escorted to the toilet regularly.
- We will ask you to ensure there is always 3 full sets of spare labelled clothes in your child's bag in case your child needs to be changed on more than one occasion. (The nursery will not accept responsibility for unlabelled lost items).
- Please dress your child in sensible clothing, easy to take on and off independently, no dungarees, belts, or tricky buttons.
- Children will be reminded to go to the toilet regularly by a member of staff and a record will be kept on their toileting throughout the day and be uploaded to your child's Tapestry care diary.
- Accidents will be dealt with sensitively, although children will be encouraged to undress and redress themselves, staff will be there to offer support and offer reassurance.
- If your child is in underwear and has persistent accidents (3 or more) in one day, we will put a pull-up or nappy back on them to save further upset, anxiety and stress for your child.
- If persistent accidents continue, we will discuss with you whether potty training need to be delayed for a brief period of time.
- Staff will always give positive praise and encouragement after each visit to the toilet.

