

# *Mad Hatters*

## **Nappy Policy**

Nappies worn by children should be able to contain urine and stool and minimise faecal contamination of the children, staff, environmental surfaces, and objects of the child care setting. The nappy should have an absorbent inner lining completely contained within an outer covering made of waterproof material that prevents the escape of stools and urine. The outer covering and inner lining to be changed together at the same time as a unit and shall not be reused unless both are cleaned and disinfected.

Nappies should be checked for wetness or faeces regularly, and whenever the child indicates discomfort or exhibits behaviour that suggests a soiled or wet nappy, and needs to be changed when found wet or soiled. Children should have nappies or soiled underwear changed in special changing areas to prevent the spread of germs and contamination. If cloth nappies are used then the soiled nappies should be kept in a tight-fitting lid container or in a sealed plastic bag and be sent home with the child at the end of each day. The container or sealed plastic bag should not be accessible to the child.

Disposable gloves must be worn at all times and after use they must be discarded immediately and hands washed. Sometimes children's hands stray into the nappy area during the changing process and this in turn can transfer faecal organisms to the environment. So consequently, washing the child's hands will reduce the risk of infection.

- 1) Nappies to be kept tidy in the draws in the changing rooms.**
- 2) Plastic aprons to be worn by staff.**
- 3) Plastic disposable gloves to be worn.**
- 4) Child to be changed on changing mat.**
- 5) At least one hand to remain on the child at all times whilst on the changing area.**
- 6) After use changing mat to be cleaned with Milton.**
- 7) Wet nappies to be put in bin.**
- 8) Soiled nappies to be put in Sangenic.**
- 9) Staff to wash hands after each nappy change.**
- 10) Baby wipes to be used to clean child.**
- 11) If cream is used, use only the cream supplied by parents/carers. Under no circumstances should creams from other children be used.**
- 12) At the end of the day Sangenic to be emptied with wet Nappies and placed in yellow bin bag. Then placed into clinical waste bin.**