



Potty Training Policy

November 2015

Most Children will begin to show signs that they are ready for potty training between the ages of 18- 24 Months. At Free Rangers we will offer advice and support parents when they feel the time is right for their child.

Staff at Free Rangers may suggest the time is right to potty train your child if they are:

- Showing an interest in the potty/toilet
- Communicating with staff that they have been /or need to use the potty
- Are bothered by wearing a nappy
- Emotionally and physically ready

At Free Rangers once it is decided that a child will begin potty training consistency and patience is key. To help your child be successful the staff will:

- Take your child to the potty every 15-20 minutes
- Have a 'potty partner' for your child so that children can share success and learn with peers. This also prevents children from feeling singled out.
- Celebrate success by using a star/sticker chart for each time your child has had a wee or poo on the potty

- Encourage, support and reassure children when they have an accident

Parents and carers can help us at Free Rangers by:

- Providing your child with changes of clothes (at least 3-4 sets)
- Putting your child in easy clothing, that they can take off themselves if they need to
- Bring in your child's own potty if you feel this will make them more comfortable
- Being consistent- if they are in pants at nursery try and keep them in pants at home

It is very normal for children to have set backs and for there to be hiccups, however if everyone around the child is consistent, patient and encouraging, children can achieve being potty trained within six weeks or less. If a child does not show any progress it may be suggested that together we stop the process and return to it again when the time is right.

Adopted at Free Rangers September 2014

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