

Pineapples Early Learning Centre

TOILET TRAINING POLICY

RATIONALE

At Pineapples ELC we recognise that toilet learning is an important part of a child's development. In order to support the natural development of toileting we prefer to give children time to lead their own toilet learning and do not place pressure on children to be using the toilet. Children's emotional, physical and cognitive development will be respected during the toilet learning process and appropriate strategies will be employed to support this learning. We are not in a rush for any child to learn how to toilet themselves. A child's ability to toilet themselves does not affect how they are viewed by kaiako or how the child participates in the programme.

LEGISLATION

Licensing criteria 2008 – Regulation 43: Curriculum (General, C4 & C10)

TE WHĀRIKI

Well-being - Goal 1: Children experience an environment where their health is promoted.

PROCEDURE

- Children need to not only know when they have wet or soiled themselves, BUT what it feels like BEFORE they need to go to the toilet.
- We recognise that the child's home and centre are different environments. A child's interest in toileting at home may be recognised before the child is interested in toileting at the centre; kaiako will respect the difference between environments and support how the child would like to toilet at the centre.
- Kaiako will follow the child's interest and give children opportunities to use the toilet.
- Kaiako will communicate with parents if their child has been interested in the toilet, or what has happened in regards to toileting throughout the day.
- Kaiako will communicate with parents about how toileting is going at home and offer guidance to parents regarding how toileting is going in the centre. For instance, if the child still requires nappies to be available just in case.
- Kaiako will talk with children about the toilet learning process using language that promotes body awareness and how to take care of themselves. This includes offering children appropriate advice and hygiene support.
- Rewards such as food or stickers will not be offered as a reward for going to the toilet at Pineapples.

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