

Preschool Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in The Jointure preschool program must be 2.5 and fully potty trained before attending preschool. A child having accidents daily would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that wearing pull ups is NOT considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be toilet trained before they begin preschool?

There are strict standards for changing and disposing wet and soiled diapers/pull ups and are classrooms are not equipped.

When a teacher or Instructional Assistant is changing a child's soiled clothing, it is taking away from learning time for all students and it removes a staff member from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have accidents. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teachers will help children change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

- A toilet trained child can do the following:
- Communicate to the teachers that/he/she needs to go to the bathroom before they need to
- Alert himself/herself to stop what he/she is doing, to go and use the bathroom
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Wipe him/herself after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 3 year olds)
- Get on/off the toilet by him/herself
- Wash and dry hands
- Postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if we are away from the classroom
- Wake up during nap time should they need to use the bathroom

We will certainly ask your child several times throughout the day and before nap time if they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently. This is an issue which protects all concerned.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when he/she is in a new environment. Preschool staff are aware of this and will assist children when necessary. Please have your child dressed in clothing that he/she can easily manage independently. Please send a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season. These will be left at school in case of accidents and returned at the end of the school year. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.

All children are observed by their teachers the first several weeks of school to assess whether or not children are toilet trained. If a child does not appear to be trained, the Director will call a conference with the parents to discuss if a change in programs may be in the best interest of the child.

