

POLICY ON TOILET TRAINING

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During toilet training, for your child's ease of mind, we would advise you to keep your child at home for this concentrated period of time during this transitional stage. Gan holidays are a good time to start, providing your child is ready. A member of staff or your health visitor will be able to help you decide if your child is or is not ready and give you advice.

It is expected that a newly trained child will have a few accidents at Gan for a short period of time. Accidents can happen when a child has not yet acquired complete control, are new to the Gan, are overly fatigued or are unwell. However, if a child persistently has accidents or does not recognise when he/she needs the toilet, it is the Ganim's policy to advise parents that their child is not ready for this transitional stage. In the best interest of your child, you may be asked to put your child in nappies for the morning until they are properly trained.

Pull-ups/training pants/towelling underwear are not practical, including the new side velcro fastening, as they make changing very difficult and sometimes unpleasant for the children. We do not have the facility to wash children in messy situations. It is also our experience that children treat them in the same way as a nappy and they are not very absorbent.

Clearly each child is an individual and will train in their own time. If, after discussion, it is agreed that your child will come into Gan in pull-ups/training pants, they will be changed into a nappy for the reasons stated above.

It is advisable to familiarise your child with using a toilet during training as we use trainer seats on the toilets in the Sapling class. It would also help with the transition from home toilet to Gan toilet, if parents would take their child straight to the toilet before leaving them in the morning. Many children find using a different toilet quite challenging and your cooperation would be much appreciated.

Willow, Elm and Oak classes have child size toilets.

A toilet-trained child is one who recognises the **need** rather than **needs** to be asked.

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