

## **St. Joseph Cathedral Preschool/Pre-K Toilet Training Policy**

Children enrolled in the Preschool or Pre-K classes at St. Joseph Cathedral School must be toilet trained before attending school. Children must be wearing underwear with very few accidents. A child having weekly accidents would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that wearing pull ups is not considered toilet trained with the exception of nap time.

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

There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers.

The classrooms are not equipped for diaper changing.

When an adult is busy changing a child's diaper or wet or soiled clothing, it is taking away from learning time for all students and it removes one adult from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have an accident. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently, in these instances, an adult will coach children from the bathroom doorway on cleaning themselves and redressing.

A toilet trained child is a child who can do the following:

1. Communicate to a trusted adult that he/she needs to go to the bathroom before starting to go.
2. Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing to go and use the bathroom.
3. Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance.
4. Wipe him/herself after using the toilet.
5. Get on/off toilet by him/herself.
6. Wash and dry hands.
7. Postpone going if they must wait for a toilet to become available or if they are away from the classroom.
8. Awaken during nap time should they need to use the bathroom.

We certainly will ask your child many times throughout the day and always encourage them before leaving the classroom and before nap time to use the bathroom. Children must be able to complete all 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/Pre-K staff are aware of this and will remind children often to try to use the bathroom. Please dress your child in clothing that can be undone and changed easily. Please send a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season. These will remain at school in the event of an accident. Wet clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag tied to your child's backpack. Remember to replace clothes before your child returns to school.

We understand that each child is different; therefore, we will allow two weeks from the first day of school for your child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will notify the parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time.

If your child is not completely toilet trained as described above when school starts, the following options are available:

1. You may withdraw your child from school and place his/her name at the top of our waiting list. Registration fees are non-refundable. If you choose this option, we can not guarantee a space will be available when your child is ready to start.
2. You may pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  the tuition fee to hold your child's spot in our program until toilet training has been successful.

A child will not be considered toilet trained for our program if the child continues to consistently have toileting accidents (excluding nap time) after the first two weeks of school.

After the first two weeks of school, the following policies will be in place for children who have accidents outside of nap time.

1. If two accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the issue must be resolved for the child to continue in our program.
2. If three or more accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the child will remain home the next five school days.

3. If multiple accidents occur in one day, a parent will be notified immediately to pick up their child and the child will remain home for the next five school days.
4. Tuition will not be prorated during any time the child is not in school due to toileting accidents. Parents should contact the principal to facilitate the child's return to school.

Anytime a child has a soiling accident, a parent will be notified immediately to come to school to assist their child with clean up and dressing.

Children who habitually have nap time accidents will be allowed to wear pull ups for nap time only, with the understanding that the child must put on and take off the pull up independently.

**I have read and understand the toilet training policy.**

**Parent(s) Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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