



# POTTY TRAINING Q&A

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Q. What are your suggestions if your child is afraid to do #2 in the potty?

A. This is very common and is something that will take time and patience. Because students are used to handling all of their business in their diapers, relieving themselves of a BM provides a different feeling and can be very scary. This will change over time.

Q. How do handle BM accidents at school?

A. We handle them the same as we do with diapers. It's an accident and we kindly remind them that we really this to happen in the toilet.

Q. When at home, they start telling us "poopoo" and "peepee" and need a new diaper, should we take them into the bathroom to change them and should we sit them on the potty?

A. This is completely up to the parents, but it is a great way to encourage early potty training and a good way to boost their confidence in their ability to know they are almost ready.

Q. How long should we continue using diaper/pull-up for overnight before transitioning to underwear?

A. The best way to test this out is to count how many nights in a row that your child wakes up with a dry diaper. At school we typically look for a week of dry nap time diapers before we discuss transitioning completely out of diapers.

Q. How long should I have my child sit on the potty during the training process?

A. No more than 5 minutes unless they request it.

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