

CtRCS Preschool Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in preschool must be fully toilet trained before attending Christ the Redeemer Catholic School (CtRCS). **Wearing pull-ups is not considered to be toilet-trained**, and children must be in underwear. A child experiencing daily accidents will not be classified as toilet trained.

Why Toilet Training is Required

- **Health and Safety:** There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/pull-ups, and our classrooms are not equipped for this.
- **Learning Time:** When an adult is busy changing a child's soiled clothing, it detracts from learning opportunities for all students and reduces adult supervision in the classroom, as we are not equipped with restrooms inside each classroom.

While we understand that even toilet trained children may occasionally have accidents, these should be infrequent. In such cases, teachers/staff members will assist children in changing clothes, promoting independence as much as possible.

Definition of a Toilet Trained Child

A toilet trained child can:

- Communicate the need to use the restroom before it's urgent.
- Stop activities to go to the bathroom.
- Pull down and raise their clothing independently.
- Wipe themselves after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 3-year-olds).
- Get on and off the toilet independently.
- Wash and dry their hands.
- Wait if necessary, such as when someone is in the restroom or if away from the classroom.



Policy on Accidents

All PreK students must be fully toilet trained (pull-ups not permitted) prior to attending CtRCS.

- **Initial Adjustment Period:** We allow 4 weeks from the first day of school for children to demonstrate toilet training skills.
- **Accident Policy:** A child will not be considered toilet trained if they have:
 - 2 accidents within a 7-day period.
 - 3 accidents within a 4-week period.

If a child is not potty trained according to these policies, they may be asked to stay home for a period of time (typically one week, but up to school’s discretion depending on the nature of the accidents) to focus on training. If the issue persists (2 or 3 additional periods of inattendance to focus on toilet-training), we may ask that your child be seen and released by a physician to ensure there are no underlying concerns. If the situation does not improve, we may discuss the possibility of withdrawal from CtRCS until the child is fully toilet trained.

Parents are expected to provide a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season in their child's backpack, as students will need to change themselves without assistance in the event of an accident. Parents will be notified if an accident occurs.

Conclusion

This policy is not intended to shame or punish children or inconvenience caregivers. The time spent cleaning accidents in a preschool setting is significant and takes away from valuable interaction and curriculum facilitation. The intent is to ensure the health and safety of children and staff at Christ the Redeemer Catholic School.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please sign and return this policy to confirm you have read and understood the procedures regarding toilet training.

Please sign and date below to indicate that you have received and reviewed this policy. This signature will be due at Meet the Teacher or during the first week of school.

I HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S TOILET TRAINING POLICY.

CHILD’S NAME: _____ TEACHER’S NAME: _____

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____