

## 1: Potty Training Boys and Girls (WHEN AND HOW TO GUIDE)

*A RELAXED, EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO TOILET TRAINING--JUST IN TIME. With its expert advice, lively style, and straightforward approach, PARENTING magazine has made itself the resource for informed parents.*

It can feel like a daunting task. For our family I faced this having worked for a decade in nurseries, and the same again as a nanny to several families. Here are some tips from my experiences. The right time is when the child is ready. When you are sat there with your 4 year old still refusing to try I know it seems like you will never get there – you are not the only ones, and when you have a small 2 year old who wants to use a potty and you feel overwhelmed like its too soon, you are also not the only ones. Or you may notice your child stops what they are doing, or disappears to a hidden spot. Physical ability alone is not enough, so the time is right when the child is willing. If you show them the potty and its a firm no then its not the time, but subtly pop it out at relevant times, before the bath etc. There seemed to be this belief that when you decided the time was right that was it, one day your child is in nappies and the next they are gone, and you are not going back. If popping a nappy on is something the child is happy with, and will ensure they are comfortable, then go for it – the key is not to become complacent with it. If you pop that nappy on and are then stood in the checkout queue when your child requests the toilet, you should then support them to find a toilet, even if it means abandoning the trolley, this way the nappy is not confusing at all, it is simply supporting both of you to avoid unnecessary upset and discomfort for the child. At nursery we had toilet time. This process would repeat during the whole day. Resisting the urge to constantly take them to the toilet, or even ask repeatedly is important. When the reminding stops, accidents begin. Like everything, if a task becomes about the reward at the end then the task itself loses its value. A flashy potty is the same as sticker charts and other forms of reward. Much like the statement above, they learn to go on demand rather than being supported in their bodily awareness. The focus should be on making sure they are comfortable so that they can use the potty when ready. A basic low potty is one of the best all rounders. One child may prefer being alone, another may want a parent there holding a hand. Some children may be particularly tense about using the toilet, and need greater support. The temptation is to distract, but what we should aim to do is help them relax. In some ways this may seem like distraction but by listening to the child and making the distraction a connection with you, such as a story, song, or foot rub can be comforting. The feeling of wanting to distract comes from the place of our own discomfort. I know I wanted to distract her but to do so would have belittled her pain. Being dry is not the end. Many things can throw a spanner in the works regarding toileting. I cannot speak for every situation but I know from years of observing, that many children go through this. For our family this was a big part of our toileting journey. Our daughter suffered some pretty awful bowel issues that has left her on medications today at nearly 6. At their peak there was a complete regression back to nappies. I knew I could have been frustrated, washing nappies, after a year of being out of them. But I also knew for sure that this event did not undo what she had learned, the situation had simply changed and we had to accept it and trust our daughter. Whilst ours turned out to be physical issues this happens to many children completely inexplicably. Sometimes you have to stop, draw back and see the whole picture. You may notice something that has happened and sometimes not, maybe you take a break for a short while and then try again. For some reason our culture has crammed toilet training into a set window where we say years is when its all done and dusted.

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*Toilet-training infants has become a recent trend, but it really isn't until toddlerhood that kids can take an active part in training. " Elimination communication " is actually more about helping parents understand when a baby needs to go than helping a child go on his own.*

Most children are ready to start learning how to use the toilet around two years of age. That's when most children are physically and emotionally ready for this big step. Let your child set his or her own pace for toilet training. By three years of age, most children have mastered this skill and trained themselves. There are several approaches to toilet training. Some things to keep in mind: Some children do not have bladder control until months after they have control of their bowel movements. Other children get control of their bladders first. Every child has a different personality. Avoid a power struggle with your child. Try not to force your child to use the toilet, especially when he is tired or hungry. At this stage in their lives, children look for ways to test limits. They may hold back on their bowel movements, and could possibly become constipated. It is important to teach your child the appropriate words for body parts, urinating and bowel movements, because your child will continue to use these words outside of the home. Try not to use words such as dirty, stinky or naughty to describe urinating or having a bowel movement. Most boys but not all first learn to pass urine when they are sitting down; later, they learn to urinate while standing up. You have just moved into a new home, or are planning to move in the near future. You are expecting a new baby. There is a crisis or illness in the family. If your child is learning to use the toilet well during such stress, however, you can continue the toilet training. Children are ready to start toilet training when they: Can understand simple directions, Do not like having a soiled diaper, Show interest by following you to the bathroom, Stay dry for a few hours during the day, or are dry upon waking from a nap, Have regular bowel movements, Communicate that they are ready to go to the bathroom, or show that they prefer dry diapers, Sit and stand by themselves, Start to take down and pull up their pants. How to get started: Make sure that you have lots of time and patience. Toilet training happens gradually, over many months. Let your child watch you use the toilet and try to copy you. Mothers should show toilet skills to their daughters, and fathers should show toilet skills to their sons. Change your toddler's diaper often, so he gets used to wearing a clean diaper. Transfer the bowel movement from the training toilet or potty to the regular toilet so that your child knows where it should go. Then let your child flush the toilet. Read stories to your child about toilet training. Help your child feel comfortable with the potty by letting him touch it and sit on it even if he has his clothes on. Start following a routine. Put your child on the potty after a meal, for example, or before and after rest times. Stay with your child when he uses the potty. Find pleasant ways to distract him that will keep him comfortable with sitting on the potty. For example, read your child a story about potty training. Praise and encourage your child when he tries to use the potty. Try not to pressure or punish your child about potty training. Be patient, and try to make the process of toilet training fun. For example, you could use stickers for rewards. Try putting training pants on your child after he uses the potty successfully for a full week. Even if your child does not actually pass urine or have a bowel movement in the potty, it is important to praise him, and let him know he can try again later. Do not keep your child in soiled pants as a punishment. If your child does not learn to use a potty after a few weeks, he may not be ready. Stop and try again a few weeks later. Give your child a lot of encouragement and reassurance when they try. Accidents are common, and may still happen occasionally even after your child is potty trained. Boys usually take longer to be potty trained than girls. Toilet Training at Night Nighttime training can take longer for your child to master. Remember nighttime bedwetting is normal and common in preschool children. After your child is trained for daytime: Wake your child during the night to go to the potty. Make sure he is okay with this. For help and information: You may decide to talk to these professionals if: Your child will not sit on the potty. Your child holds back bowel movements. You are angry and start to punish your child. Your child is over three years old and is not trained in the daytime. Try to make your child's experience with toilet training positive, natural and non-threatening.

### 3: PARENTING Guide to Toilet Training by Parenting Magazine

*The problem with anxiety is that it grows, usually from a small, often illogical seed of doubt. An idea festers, takes over your brain, and turns things into a monster of a problem.*

Across the globe, toilet training often begins in the first year of life, frequently as early as three to six months. After learning to recognize cues facial expressions, squirming, farting, etc. Because elimination communication requires so much parental vigilance and cleaning! The less money spent on diapers, and the less solid waste being dumped in landfills, the better! Potty training can be time consuming and messy, so parents must be invested in the process. Let me repeat this. There is NO need to wait until the child is ready, especially because you might find yourself waiting much longer that you expected. In my experience, parents who defer to the wishes of tiny dictators often run into potty problems. Two and three-year-olds can be incredibly stubborn and controlling. When is the best time to potty train? At around 18 months of age, most children are walking, communicating at the very least non-verbally, interested in pleasing their parents, and highly susceptible to bribery. In my opinion, this is a fantastic time to begin training. Keep in mind that all kids develop at their own pace. The good news is that almost all children can be successfully trained by employing the right strategies—a combination of positive and negative reinforcement that will motivate the child. The kid was fully trained in a weekend, through no work of my own. Moral of the story? If a child is motivated, potty training is a piece of cake. When my middle child was months-old, I was spending a fortune on daycare and decided it would be nice to spend less money on diapers. Our family began actively training, which turned out to be a fair amount of work with lots of reminders and celebratory singing, but within two months we were done. If a child can be fully trained at 20 months, I reasoned, why not start younger? With daughter number three, we opted to conduct an experiment and began training at 15 months. While this required even more commitment and frequent encouragement not to mention more laundry, the experiment was successful. By 17 months we were done. Step-by-step guide to potty training: You can also choreograph a simple dance to go along with your song. Children sense the energy or lack thereof that parents bring to their potty training routines. Take your child into the bathroom with you. Demonstrate how big people use the potty. Big girls put pee pee in the potty, and you can, too! When your child poops in a diaper, transfer the poop to the potty. Buy a plastic ring to fit over the big potty. This allows little behinds to fit comfortably on a regular toilet. Starting with an adult toilet minimizes clean-up duties and the need for transitioning later. Have your child practice sitting on different potties. Offer lots of praise when she does. For potty training to be successful, children must want to do it. Ideally, toilet training should be a fun adventure that a family embarks upon together, rather than a battle. I theorized that the potty was too scary. Whenever someone tinkled into this potty, it played a pretty song. My daughter and I practiced sprinkling tap water into the potty and listening to the song. Eventually she decided it would be fun to pee in the potty, and voila, she was trained! Sometimes you have to get creative. Dryness during sleep is a separate milestone related to bladder muscle maturity and has nothing to do with daytime dryness. Children who are fully potty trained may take several years, or even 10 years or more to achieve full nighttime dryness. Furthermore, if your child is wearing diapers or pull-ups during the daytime, potty training is almost impossible. While wearing a diaper or pull-up, there is no motivation to pee in the potty. If you want to successfully potty train, putting away the diapers and pullups during awake hours is essential. Encourage your child to pee on the potty every one to two hours. If you encounter resistance to sitting on the potty, try using positive reinforcement otherwise known as bribery, see below. Allow your child to have some accidents. Try not to get mad or frustrated when these occur. The process of having accidents and feeling them is what motivates children to pee in the potty. When your child has an accident, encourage her to take responsibility by cleaning up any mess on the floor and then putting her clothing into the washing machine. Acting a little disappointed is okay. When your child successfully uses the potty, break out your potty song and perform it with the pee-pee dance. Your kids will love it! The more celebratory the experience, the better. The first time a child uses the potty is a truly wonderful moment, so live it up! Dancing and singing may be the cheapest and most effective form of positive reinforcement. Small

children love to watch their parents acting like happy idiots. Trouble shooting potty problems One. What if your child remains potty averse, despite plenty of encouragement? Be sure to give the prize only after the child pees in the potty. Buy something your child has been wanting, like a remote-control car or some fancy arts and crafts. Place a big bow around the item and leave it sitting in the bathroom. Give the present to your child only after she successfully uses the potty. From that point forward offer smaller incentives. What if your child pees like a champ on the potty but refuses to poop on the potty? Because it hurts to poop, they purposefully withhold their stool, leading to an accumulation of stool in the colon and rectum. When they eventually pass stool, it hurts more, and the vicious cycle is perpetuated. This is not a problem that can be fixed overnight. A dilated rectum takes weeks to shrink to a normal size. Furthermore, constipated children must be convinced that passing a bowel movement is neither scary nor painful. The best way to change their opinion is by keeping the stool soft for a long period of time. The medication is tasteless, odorless, and can be dissolved in a small amount of any fluid. Despite some controversy on the internet, Miralax is both safe and effective. For a two-year-old, you can start by using one teaspoon twice daily. Remember that the powder should be titrated to effect, with the goal of achieving one to two soft stools daily. If your child is skipping days between bowel movements, you will need to increase the dose of medication. If the stool is too soft, then decrease the dose. The best way to answer this question is with an entertaining anecdote. During a family vacation to Disney World, Laura was having a great time swimming at an outdoor pool near our hotel. At some point she informed her father that she needed to poop. Though her dad escorted her to the bathroom several times, Laura kept returning to the pool without any potty success. Eventually she was overwhelmed by the urge to poop. Stool suddenly filled the bottom of her little white bikini. Instead of being sympathetic and letting her down easy, her dad began yelling. You should be ashamed. Kudos to Dad—this was a brilliant strategy. From that moment forward, Laura never, ever pooped in her pants again. Take-home lesson for parents: Frequently in my practice, parents ask me what to do about stubborn three-year-olds who refuse to poop on the potty. By age three, almost everyone has full control of their bowel movements. In fact, bowel control occurs well before bladder control. Most three-year-olds are perfectly capable of pooping in the right place. For children who are being difficult about training, I recommend that parents place them in underwear and explain their expectations. If a child has an accident and soils his underpants, then he should be the one to wash out the poop. This can be done by placing the child, holding the stinky underpants, in the bathtub. Washing poop out of your own underwear is a great motivator for pooping in the right place thereafter.

## 4: Potty Training: Parenting Tips to Make it Through with Your Sanity Intact

*A guide to toilet training your child, from the editors of Parenting Magazine, first published in It helps to take the stress out of the process for parents and thus for the child involved.*

This is the best guide you can use to get all the facts before you start to train your toddler to potty train, things like; when to start potty training, how to potty train and even different tips and tricks for boys and girls. You must understand that each and every child is different but there are some guidelines you can use to know if your child is ready to potty train. When to start potty training: When to potty train and when is the best time? Is your child ready for potty training? Can your toddler sit and rise from the potty chair by himself? Does your child complain about a wet and dirty diaper? Can your child pull up and down his own pants? Is your child interested in wearing underwear? Is your child staying dry for more than two hours a day? Can your child tell you by either words or expression that he needs to go? And lastly, can your child follow simple instructions? If you answered yes to more than 5 questions, your toddler might be ready for potty training. After a few weeks ask these questions again, and then you should be ready for toddler potty training. Potty Training Problems Toddler using the potty They say that most children can control their bowels before their bladder. But with my toddler it is just the other way around. By the age of two most 2 year olds will be dry during the day, but this is still very small. By the age of 3, 9 out of 10 children are dry during most days, but accidents still happen especially when your toddler is occupied with something very interesting like playing, or maybe something excited. This happens to my toddler, when she is playing she sometimes forget that she has a bladder and when she finally realize she needs to go, then she is just too late, happens right in front of the toilet. By the age of 4 most toddlers are completely dry during day time. Staying dry through the night is something totally different and takes quite longer than staying dry throughout the day. It can take toddlers between the age of 3 and 5 to stay dry completely during night time. Baby Potty training Please, you must understand that you cannot force your child to potty train as I said earlier; every child is different and moves on their own pace. Some children will be much quicker with potty training than others, but be patient and never ever get mad. If you do get mad, walk out of the room and go back when you have calmed down. Potty training is a daunting task and can make us as parents get angry, but you will do your child more harm if you take your frustrations out on him. I know what I am talking about because it happened to me. But now, I just talk to my daughter nicely and there is no problem anymore. But accidents still happen and that is part of life. There is no specific timeline for your child to start potty training. He or she will eventually use it. And a little girl will do everything her mommy does. Leave a potty chair in your bathroom or toilet area. Every time you go to the toilet, let her sit on her potty and she should see how you are doing it. This is a natural thing to do so she will most likely get the hang of using a potty pretty quickly. Some children will be upset to do bowel movements in the potty at first but keep on trying. For instance, if your child is upset, leave it for 3 days and try again. You should look for signs that your child wants to pee, signs like, squirming, squatting or holding the genital area. When you see these signs encourage your child to go use the potty. If your toddler slips up and have an accident, just mop it up and forget about it till next time. If you tend to get angry your child may feel nervous and anxious to go to the toilet and all your hard work was for nothing, she will feel nervous every time she or he has to pee. If you praise your child with a job well done, they will be very delighted. Just say things like: You need to praise her for quite some time. These are the ways on how to potty train your toddler. Here are my personal 8 tips for potty training: Naked time is the best tip I can give parents wanting to start potty training and this is the reason why it is suggested that you start potty training in the summer. Children love to be naked. And if your child is not wearing a nappy, they have to put the pee and poop somewhere and what better place to do this than in their potty. When you first start potty training you will need to ask your child every 5 minutes if they want to go potty. They will sometimes tell you No and sometimes they will co-operate and use the potty. You can extend the time. You can use a timer, which encourage your toddler to go and help you not to forget. Then you need to empty the potty and let your child do the honors of flushing the toilet. Talk to your child about the water swishing and splashing and making the poop disappear. Save the

images of the charts you like, print it and have fun using the chart. Pick a calm time: Make sure you have at least the next 2 weeks free to do absolutely nothing but potty training. I mean things like driving a long way, arrival of a new sibling, moving ext. Just make sure there are no interruptions. When my child was busy potty training we went on holiday and it was a 5 hour drive. Although she did not wet herself but arriving at the new place made her scared. So this is what I mean not to plan anything for the next 2 weeks at least. Your child will eventually get there and when he does you both will be pretty happy your done with potty training but for now just make sure you take your time. It is not a race to be won. When you do need to travel, take a portable potty along or make sure you are close to toilets. And do take along plenty of pants, you will definitely use them. Tracksuits is best to use as they are easy to wash and easy for your toddler to get down. Dresses are perfect for girls. We have listed premium charts packages which can include the following; a potty training book, positive-reinforcement stickers, achievement certificate, and a coloring book. These products are up for purchase: Here are some FREE printable potty charts for toddlers: Frozen Potty Training Chart.

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*Potty training is a trip for any parent, but when it's time to ditch the diapers, there are some definite differences between girls and boys. From sitting versus standing to when your little one will likely show signs of readiness.*

Do you need to wait? Berry Brazelton, Brazelton et al., Spock and Brazelton argued that some children are pushed into training before they are ready. As a remedy, these practitioners proposed a child-oriented approach to potty training. According to this idea, children, not parents, should lead the way. Today, the child-oriented approach is very popular, and many authors have suggested their own signs of toilet training readiness. Do you really need to wait for these signs? As I argue below, your decision to wait should depend on your goals and expectations. Moreover, many of the signs concern learned behavior. You can take active steps to teach your child what he or she needs to know. But what exactly do the toilet training experts want you to look for? When to start toilet training: A sampler of toilet training readiness signs. Most experts recommend that you should wait until your child is healthy (no diarrhea or constipation), for example, relaxed, not stressed by new life changes, like a move, cooperative, not going through a rebellious phase. After that, opinions vary. The American Academy of Pediatrics. The American Academy of Pediatrics has published a checklist of signs to help you determine when to start potty training. Here is an excerpt: Your child stays dry at least 2 hours at a time during the day or is dry after naps. Bowel movements become regular and predictable. Facial expressions, posture, or words reveal that your child is about to urinate or have a bowel movement. Your child can follow simple instructions. Your child can walk to and from the bathroom and help undress. Your child seems uncomfortable with soiled diapers and wants to be changed. Your child asks to use the toilet or potty chair. Your child asks to wear "grown-up underwear." In an article for the medical journal *Pediatrics*, he proposes these signs: Other sources suggest more signs of toilet training readiness, such as: A reduced sense of excitement about walking. When to start potty training: Should you wait for the signs? First, these signs of readiness presuppose that you want to train for complete potty training independence. Second, the lists vary considerably. Depending on which expert you consult, your child may or may not be ready. In a recent study reviewing all the published signs of toilet training readiness, researchers concluded there was no good consensus, and that parents might begin toilet training at very different times depending on which signs they relied upon. Kaerts et al. They can be encouraged or taught by parents. And they probably should be. If parents wait passively for children to learn how to undress themselves, or to show curiosity about the toilet, they may wait for a long time. In a recent study of American children, aged 18 months, most toilet-related skills were not mastered until after 22 months, and the median age for attaining some skills—like telling a parent before having a bowel movement—was over 31 months. Schum et al. Although there are no specific studies published on the subject, it seems likely that parents can speed things up by teaching readiness skills. Barton Schmidt, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado, says that one of the most common mistakes parents make is doing nothing to prepare until the week they start training. Schmidt. Also, check out the American Academy of Pediatrics website, [healthychildren.com](http://healthychildren.com). Toilet training readiness. American Academy of Pediatrics. Toilet training readiness. American Academy of Pediatrics website. Toilet training the Brazelton way. Instruction, timeliness, and medical influences affecting toilet training. Anticipatory guidances with a child-oriented approach. *Paediatrics and Child Health*, 5: Parents—the role of parents in toilet training. Readiness signs used to define the proper moment to start toilet training: Getting it right the first time. Sequential acquisition of toilet-training skills: A descriptive study of gender and age differences in normal children.

## 6: Potty Training: Parenting Tips to Make it Through with Your Sanity Intact

*Potty training might seem like a daunting task, but if your child is truly ready, there's not much to worry about. "Life goes on and one day your child will just do it," says Lisa Asta, M.D., a.*

### 7: A Potty Training Guide for Parents Who are Ready – Dr. Allison Beitel-Curran's Pedi Blog

*Fact: Many parents find toilet training easier if they start their sons off sitting on the chair first, regardless of whether it's #1 or #2. The seated position provides stability, which in turn provides a level of comfort so he can relax and go.*

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*Autism Potty Training - The Ultimate Guide From learning new routines to knowing when it's time to use the toilet, to being able to manipulate clothing, the potty training process can take many years for some children with autism to become experts.*

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*Many parents start toilet training with a potty. It is easier for a child to get onto a potty without help and they seem to feel safer because it is not so high. You can put it somewhere they can get to in a hurry because they get very little warning that a wee is going to come out.*

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