Why Squat?

We recommend a forward leaning squat position when toileting your child - but why is this so important?



Perfect Posture - Squatting is recognised as the healthiest way to pee and poo and is widely recommended for constipation.



Relaxes The Pelvic Floor - Squatting enables the pelvic floor muscles, which surround the passageways from the bladder and bowel, to relax downwards, making toileting easier for your child.



Natural Bowel Alignment - Squatting opens out the normal 'kink' in the rectum which helps to keep us continent. Instead of straining, this allows gravity to do the work, naturally.



Quicker & More Comfortable - Research shows that people who squat report less straining and take less time to go.



Improves continence - Recent studies have shown a positive link between squattingbased exercises and reduced daytime and night time incontinence in children!



Stretches Muscles - The squat posture provides an extra stretch to muscles around the hip joint - these are often shortened and tight in children with neurological impairments.



Reduces Dystonic Movements - By closing angles at the hip, knee and ankle, fluctuating movements can be reduced.

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