



Policy Statement

Intimate Care

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Introduction

Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out a private procedure to personal areas (such as cleaning up a child after they have soiled themselves). In most cases such care would involve cleaning for hygiene purposes as part of a staff member's duty of care.

The issue of intimate care requires staff to be respectful of the Child's dignity and the highest level of privacy should always be preserved. There should be a high awareness of child protection issues. All staff must work in partnership with parents.

The management of all pupils with intimate care needs will be carefully planned for. Apparatus for specific pupils' needs will be provided for them.

Changing a Child with Soiled Clothes/Underwear Procedure

CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES WHILE BEING CHANGED.

- Staff must wash and dry hands.
- Prepare clean clothes and underwear, appropriate wipes, 2 nappy sacks and changing mat. *Parents to supply clothes, underwear, wipes and nappy sacks.*
- Ensure the changing area is clean. Wipe down the changing mat before changing the child. Risk assess the areas for any hazards.
- Staff are to ensure that they wear gloves and apron while changing the child.
- Sit or stand child on the mat and remove soiled clothing or help the child remove the soiled clothing.
- Children are encouraged to use wipes to clean the area, ensuring they are wiped from front to back. Put used wipes straight into nappy sacks
- Assist, if necessary, child to put on clean underwear and clothes on.
- Encourage the child to wash and dry their hands.
- Place soiled and wet clothing in in yellow hazard bag and place in school bag to go home.
- Remove gloves by peeling back from the wrists.
- Sanitise mat with anti-bacterial spray.
- Wash and dry hands

Consent

All parents will be given a consent form to send back to school as they enter Nursery. Any parent who does not give consent for their child to be changed by a member of staff when necessary will be called into school to change their child themselves.

Intimate Care Consent Form

Understand that:

- I must provide clothes, underwear, wipes, nappy bags and nappies (if appropriate).
- I give permission for a member of staff to provide appropriate intimate care support to my child e.g. changing soiled clothes.
- I will advise the head teacher of any medical reason my child may have which affects issues of intimate care.
- The intimate care provided for my child will be given by a familiar member of staff.
- Staff providing the care for my child have had appropriate training including child protection.

Parent Name:

Signature:

Relationship to child:

Date:

Childs name:

Class:

Date of birth: