



INTIMATE CARE POLICY

Introduction

Yorkmead Junior and Infants is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times. We recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect and dignity when intimate care is given. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress, embarrassment or pain.

Definition

Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure (such as cleaning up after a child has soiled him/herself) to intimate personal areas. In most cases such care will involve changing nappies/pull ups.

Our Approach to Best Practice

The management of all children with intimate care needs will be carefully planned. The child who requires intimate care is treated with respect at all times; the child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance.

Staff who provide intimate care are trained to do so (using our Policies relating to, Health and Safety and Safeguarding) and are fully aware of best practice. A suitable, hygienic space will be provided to carry out an intimate care routine. This space will be cleaned regularly.

The child will be supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible, given age and abilities. Staff will

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encourage each child to do as much for him/her self as he/she can. This may mean, for example, giving the child responsibility for sitting on the toilet themselves. Individual intimate care plans will be drawn up for particular children as appropriate to suit the circumstance of the child.

Careful consideration will be given to each child's situation to determine how many carers need to be present when a child is toileted. Where possible one child will be catered for by one adult unless there is a need to change the pupil due to soiling. In cases like this, two DSL staff members will be present for safeguarding reasons. If this is the case, the reasons should be clearly documented.

Intimate care arrangements will be discussed with parents/carers on a regular basis and recorded. The needs and wishes of children and parents will be taken into account wherever possible within the constraints of staffing and equal opportunities legislation.

The Protection of Children

Safeguarding Procedures and Multi-Agency Safeguarding procedures will be adhered to. If a member of staff has any concerns about physical changes in a child whilst carrying out intimate care, e.g. marks, bruises, soreness etc; he/she will immediately report concerns to the designated person for safeguarding.

If a child becomes distressed or unhappy about being cared for, their parents/carers will be notified and asked to support the schools intimate care systems.



If a child makes an allegation against a member of staff, all necessary procedures will be followed (see Safeguarding Procedures for details).

Safeguarding is of paramount importance to the school as is respect for individuals. When providing intimate care for any child. All parents/carers will give their authorisation for intimate care to be carried out on their child before this is given.



School: _____

Child	
D.O.B	
Address	
Parent/carer	
I/we give permission for the assistance detailed overleaf to be provided to my/our child, and will advise the school of any change that may affect this provision.	
Signed: _____	
Mother: _____	
Father: _____	
Carer 1: _____	
Carer 2: _____	
Staff responsible for intimate care:	
Name: _____	Role _____
Name: _____	Role _____
Name: _____	Role _____
Date:	

