



Intimate Care Policy

2 and 3 year olds in school

Intimate Care and Toileting

This part of the EYFS Policy aims to manage the risks associated with toileting and intimate care needs.

All the children have the right to be safe and to be treated with dignity, respect and privacy at all times.

This Intimate Care policy should be considered in line with our Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Medicines policies. The policy supports the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2012 and the Disability Discrimination Act 2005.

We will ensure that:

- No child's physical, mental or sensory impairment will have an adverse effect on their ability to take part in the day to day activities
- No child with a named condition that effects personal development will be discriminated against
- No child who is delayed in achieving continence will be refused admission
- No child will be sent home or have to wait for their parents/carers due to incontinence
- Adjustments will be made for any child who has delayed incontinence.

Intimate Care Tasks

This covers any tasks that involve the dressing and undressing, washing including intimate parts, helping someone use the toilet, changing nappies or carrying out a procedure that requires direct or indirect contact to an intimate personal area.

Partnerships with Parents/Carers

Staff and key workers work in partnership with parents/carers to provide care appropriate to the needs of the individual child and together will produce a care plan. The care plan will set out:

- What care is required
- Number of staff needed to carry out the task (if more than one person is required the reason will be documented)
- Additional equipment required
- Child's preferred means of communication (e.g. visual, verbal). Agree terminology for parts of the body and bodily functions
- Child's level of ability, i.e. what tasks they are able to do by themselves
- Acknowledge and respect for any cultural or religious sensitivities related to aspects of intimate care
- Be regularly monitored and reviewed in accordance with the child's development

Parents/carers are asked to supply the following, if necessary:

- Spare nappies
- Wipes, cream, nappy sacks, etc.
- Spare clothes
- Spare underwear

Best Practice

When intimate care is given the member of staff explains fully each task that is carried out and the reason for it. Staff encourage children to do as much for themselves as they can, lots of praise and encouragement will be given to the child when they achieve.

All staff working in the EYFS classroom must have a DBS check. Particular staff are identified to change a child with known needs and they plan and record their work with that child.

Dealing with bodily fluids

Urine, faeces, blood and vomit will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of safely. When dealing with bodily fluids staff wear disposable gloves and wash themselves thoroughly afterwards. Soiled children's clothing will be bagged to go home – staff will not rinse it. Children will be kept away from the affected area until the incident has been completely dealt with.

All staff maintain high standards of personal hygiene and will take all practicable steps to prevent and control the spread of infection.

This intimate care policy is an appendix to the Branton Primary School and Breamish Valley Nursery Early Years Policy.

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**Parents' consent for staff to carry out necessary intimate care
of 2 and 3 year old children in school.**

Name of child

Name of key worker

I have read the Branton First School and Breamish Valley Nursery intimate
care policy.

I (parents name)
consent to the staff at Branton Primary School and Breamish Valley Nursery
carrying out the necessary intimate care of my child

(child's name).....

during the nursery or 2 year old sessions. If necessary for my child's needs I will
supply spare nappies, wipes and creams usually used with my child as well as
additional clothing/underwear in a named bag.

Signed

Date

Received in school