



INTIMATE CARE HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Introduction

Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure (such as cleaning up a pupil after they have soiled themselves) to intimate personal areas. In most cases such care will involve cleaning for hygiene purposes as part of a staff member's duty of care. This will be stipulated as part of a Health Care Support plan.

The management of children with intimate care needs will be carefully planned. Children who require intimate care are treated with respect at all times.

Intimate care procedures

- Generally teachers and support staff will assist children to change wet/soiled clothing themselves.
- Intimate care risk assessments for certain children with medical needs or disabilities
- All staff will wear an apron and gloves when dealing intimate care of a child and will use blue roll paper and cleaning wipes.
- To minimise the risk of infection, staff will dispose of items (gloves, aprons, blue roll etc.) and changing area will be cleaned after use.
- Hot water and liquid soap is available to wash hands as soon as the task is completed.
- Paper towels are available for drying hands.
- Staff will comfort distressed children by talking through what they are doing and ensure the change is completed swiftly to minimise child's anxiety and distress.
- If staff notice any marks or injuries on the child during intimate care procedures, they will follow safeguarding policy and report it to the nominated safeguarding lead – Mrs Smith.
- Parents/Carers will be required to take their child home should they wet or soil themselves more than once during the school day.
- Using physical contact to demonstrate exercises or techniques, for example in PE, sports coaching or other practical subjects.
- Administering First Aid
- Supporting younger children and children with special needs who may need physical prompts or help.
- Recognising that physical contact is a sensitive issue for some cultural groups
- Ensuring a consistent approach where staff and pupils are of different genders
- Acknowledging that innocent and well-intentioned physical contact can sometimes be misconstrued
- Having a prescribed handling policy for children requiring complex or repeated physical handling with specific training for staff who deal with them

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If a child wets or soils himself/herself, the school will provide change of clothing with the spare uniforms held in school.

The Parent/Carer

- ✓ I have read the intimate care policy and I understand and agree the procedures that will be followed when my child is changed at school.
- ✓ I agree to return clean, dry clothing that was provided by the school, or replace them if they are lost or damaged.

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- ✓ We agree to ask the child to change themselves during a single session should the child soil or wet themselves and inform parents.
- ✓ We agree to report should the child be distressed, or if marks/rashes are seen

Pupil Name: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____