

Intimate Care Policy and Guidelines Regarding Children Definition Intimate care may be defined as any activity required to meet the personal care needs of each individual child. Parents have a responsibility to advise staff of the intimate care needs of their child, and staff have a responsibility to work in partnership with children and parents.

Intimate care can include: Dressing/undressing, assisting with toileting and in some cases administering medication inhalers or creams for eczema etc...

- Underlying principles
- Every child has the right to be safe
- Every child has the right to personal privacy
- Every child has the right to be clean and comfortable
- Every child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect
- Only named identified staff should assist children with intimate care
- The Head of Nursery and Designated teacher for child protection must ensure that all staff undertaking the intimate care of children are familiar with, and understand the Intimate Care Policy and Guidelines

Staff guidance for assisting children regarding Intimate Care

Children will be encouraged to act as independently as possible when:

- at the toilet
- changing clothing
- cleaning themselves after toileting

Staff may assist a child if necessary, as long as parental consent has been given

If a child has been changed as a result of an accident during play, he/she will be changed into clean, dry clothing and an information slip will be placed in the child's drawer to explain what has happened.

If a child has had a toileting accident he/ she changed into clean, dry clothing and the class teacher will talk to the parent to explain what has happened. The accident will also be noted on the toilet accident sheet.

Under special circumstances parents and staff will work together to create an intimate care plan e.g. if a child is having frequent toilet accidents, has a urinary infection or as a result of medical/ development reasons is still in nappies.