

Principles of Intimate Care

The following are the fundamental principles upon which the Policy and Guidelines are based:

Every child has the right to be safe.

- Every child has the right to personal privacy.
- Every child has the right to be valued as an individual.
- Every child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Every child has the right to be involved and consulted in their own intimate care to the best of their abilities.
- Every child has the right to express their views on their own intimate care and to have such views taken into account.
- Every child has the right to have levels of intimate care that are as consistent as possible.



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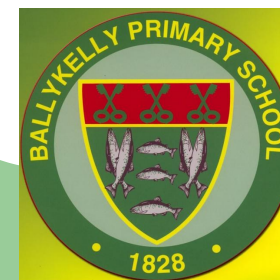
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Intimate Care Guidelines regarding Children

Ballykelly Primary
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Mission Statement

Our mission above all is to: *Provide a caring secure environment where individuals of all backgrounds, races and religions can feel welcome and valued and are encouraged to learn and develop to their full potential.*

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Permission for Ballykelly School and Nursery School to provide Intimate Care.

Having read the Intimate Care summary I understand that:

I give my permission to the school to provide appropriate intimate care support to my child e.g. changed soiled clothing, wiping, toileting

I will advise the Principal/SENCO of any medical complaint my child may have which affects issues of intimate care.

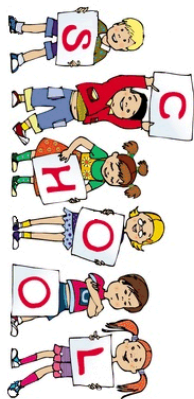
NAME of CHILD: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

DATE: _____

Please return to school office as soon as possible



Definition of Intimate Care

This summary deals with the school's policy and procedures to deal with intimate care for children who **do not** have a statement of educational needs for a medical condition.

Children who require specialised intimate care will have an individual intimate care plan in place. Please refer to the school's Intimate Care Policy.

(copies available from the office)

Intimate care may be defined as an activity required to meet the personal care needs of an 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:

Providing comfort and support

Toileting

Assisting with dressing/undressing

(please see policy for full definition)

Procedures for changing a child

1. Reassure the child and ask them to wait in the toilet cubicle while you fetch clean underwear and wipes.
2. Help the child to change into clean underwear. Try to encourage the child's independence as far as possible and help only when required. If the toilet accident is too severe (child is heavily soiled) contact parents to come and change the child and/or take the child home. Make every effort to clean the child and to make the child feel comfortable.
3. The procedure is discussed in a friendly and reassuring way with the child throughout the process.
4. Place the soiled underwear in a plastic bag and make arrangements with parent to send soiled clothes home.
5. If you are not the child's teacher please ensure the child's teacher is informed about the accident and measures taken. The teacher will record the incident in the class incident book and a copy will be sent home with the child. A phone call will be made or a conversation to parent to inform them of incident when parent collects the child.
6. Treat every child with dignity and respect and ensure privacy appropriate to the child's age and situation.
7. If you have any concerns you must report them to the Designated or Deputy Designated teacher for Child Protection. Mrs H Cole or Mrs S McDonald.
8. While assisting a child with First Aid or Intimate Care, please inform another staff member of the task being undertaken and the location of the procedure.

