

TOILETING/INTIMATE CARE POLICY

'part of intimate/personal care'

Here at St. Colmcille's After School Club we believe that no child should be left unassisted in the case of a toileting accident.

We believe that:

Children should be encouraged to become independent when toileting prior to starting our setting which will be at the earliest the July prior to starting Primary one.

If the child's underwear or clothes are damp/soiled in any way as a result of a toileting accident, children will be given the opportunity to get changed immediately. Any damp or soiled clothes will be double bagged for collection by the parent / guardian.

Children should wash their hands following use of the toilet. The appropriate hand washing guidelines should be followed and staff will assist where needed.

We ask parents to ensure children are sent in with spare clothes, particularly during school holidays.

If a child is soiled and we don't have a appropriate change of clothes, or we feel the child needs a complete wash which cannot be accommodated in the setting we will telephone the carer or parent to come immediately so the child isn't left distressed as a result of the accident.

We will always act in a discreet manner in relation to toileting accidents.

*This policy was adopted at a meeting of St Colmcille's After School Club Management Committee held on **18th May 2016**.*

Signed: _____ (chairperson)

*Review date: **May 2017***