



Toileting and Intimate Care Policy

All children have the right to be safe and be treated with dignity, respect and privacy at all times. This policy sets out clear principles and guidelines on supporting intimate care with specific reference to toileting. It should be considered in line with our Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policies and Administration of Medicines policy.

This policy supports the safeguarding and welfare requirements of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2012 and the Equality Act 2010:

We will ensure that:

- No child with a named condition that affects 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/carer due to incontinence
- Adjustments will be made for any child who has delayed incontinence

Intimate Care Tasks

Intimate care tasks are 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.

Partnership with Parents/Carers

Each child's key person works in partnership with parents/carers to provide care appropriate to the needs of the individual child. Together they will:

- Discuss child's level of ability ie. what tasks they are able to do by themselves
- Acknowledge any cultural or religious sensitivities related to aspects of intimate care
- Regularly monitor and review in accordance with the child's development

Parents/Carers are asked to supply the following:

- Spare Clothes
- Spare underwear
- Nappies

Best Practice

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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 and lots of praise and encouragement is given to the child when they achieve.

Safeguarding

Staff are trained on the signs and symptoms of child abuse in line with Devon Safeguarding Children's Board guidelines and are aware of the DFES booklet 'What to do if you think a child is being abused' and will follow the guidance given. If a member of staff is concerned about any physical or emotional changes, such as marks, bruises, soreness, distress etc they will inform the Safeguarding Designated Officer (SDO) immediately. The Safeguarding Policy will then be implemented.

Should a child become unhappy about being cared for by a particular member of staff, the SDO will look into the situation and record any findings. These will be discussed with the child's parents/carers in order to resolve the problem. If necessary the SDO will seek advice from other agencies. Parental permission will be obtained before talking to any agency about a specifically named child.

If a child makes an allegation against a member of staff, the procedure set out in the Safeguarding Policy will be followed.

When a member of staff is changing a child's nappy they will position themselves within the sight and hearing of another staff member. If this means that they cannot protect the child's dignity then 2 members of staff must be present at all times.

Dealing with body fluids

Urine, faeces, blood and vomit will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of safely by placing in a nappy sack, double bagging if necessary. When dealing with body fluids, staff wear protective gloves and wash themselves thoroughly afterward. Soiled children's clothing is 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.

Changing nappies / soiled clothing

The child will lie on a changing mat to be changed. A towel may be used in addition to the changing mat if needed due to cold weather or uneven terrain.

At Venture Dartington changing will be carried out in the hideaway, at Venture Hope Cove changing will be carried out in the Reading Rooms when the group is nearby and at Venture Kitley Farm it will be carried out in the children's changing shed. When the group is out and about, where necessary for reasons of privacy or because of weather conditions, nappy changes will take place in the changing tent.

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Staff will support a child with soiled clothing to change themselves. The child will be supported to wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.

Staff will wear protective gloves to change nappies or support a child to change their clothing. They will wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.

Toileting

H & S issue: be aware of the potential for back damage when assisting a child with toileting and other hygiene tasks.

At each setting, we have permanent toilet facilities available for our use.

Toileting when out and about:

A portable toilet will be used for toileting. This will be placed in a designated area along with all of the toileting resources listed below. A member of staff will decide upon the area for the day which will be alternated regularly. If necessary for reasons of privacy or due to weather conditions, a toilet tent will be used or the area will be covered with a small tarpaulin to offer shelter and privacy. If a child shows signs of needing more privacy, staff will help them to find a suitable area for toileting. Staff will encourage children to use the portable toilet independently. Children and supporting staff will wash their hands thoroughly afterwards. Faeces is collected in a waste bag and removed from the site at the end of each session.

Use of anatomical terms for genitalia

We use the words 'penis' and 'testicles' for boys and 'vulva' for girls. We use the word 'bottom' for general wiping and 'anus' if more specific terminology is required.

Toileting and handwashing Resource checklist:

- Portable toilet
- Toilet tent
- Tent pegs
- Liquid soap
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Toilet roll
- Changing mat
- Plastic disposable gloves
- Wet wipes
- Nappy sacks
- Antibacterial wipes
- Waste bags

Monitoring and review

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This policy is monitored by the staff and management of Venture Outdoor Kindergarten and will be reviewed annually or before if necessary.

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