

INTIMATE CARE POLICY

Intimate Care

New Year 1 pupils are expected to be fully capable of looking after themselves with regard to toileting. If this is not the case, parents may be asked to take appropriate measures during the school day and, if necessary, come into school.

Very occasionally a child has an accident of an intimate nature while at school. The parents will be informed immediately. If it is a minor accident the child will be given fresh underwear and will change in a toilet cubicle. When a more serious incident happens we will contact home so that a parent can come and change their child themselves or take him/her home if the child is upset or unwell. If that is not possible the child will be changed by two members of staff as part of our 'Duty to Care'. The child will be removed to a less public place to maintain dignity and avoid a feeling of humiliation.

In these situations any decision to provide intimate care will be made by Miss Patterson (Head of Foundation Stage), Mrs Williams (Head of Key Stage 1), Mrs Scoffield (Head of Key Stage 2), Mr Cherry (Principal) or, in his absence, Mr McCleery (Vice-Principal).

If parents cannot be contacted, school staff will decide on the most appropriate care in order to minimise any stress, discomfort or anxiety which the child may be experiencing. If members of staff are providing intimate care, two members of staff will be present at all times and an Intimate Care Pro Forma will be completed if intimate care is needed.

If an accident occurs during lunchtime, the child's class teacher will be contacted and will deal with the situation (not the Lunchtime Supervisors).

The well-being and dignity of the child will remain paramount at all times during any incident requiring intimate care.

Sanitary Protection

Sanitary Protection is available from Mrs Scoffield or Mrs Kerr (Primary 7) and Mrs Coulter (Primary 6), should it be required by any of the senior girls. A disposal bin is situated in the Primary 7 girls' toilets.

Changing for PE

Primary 1 and Primary 2 children generally only change their footwear and remove their jumpers for PE lessons. In Primaries 3 - 7 pupils should come to school in their PE/Games kit on the designated days each week.

In the event of pupils having to change for after-school clubs/sports, etc, they will change in the cloakroom.

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