

# **EYFS Intimate Care Policy**



**Lingdale Primary School**

and

**Lingdale 2 year old  
provision**

**'Working together  
to be the best that we can be'**

This policy was written during the summer term 2024

It was presented to Governors on ...

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Lingdale 2-year-old provision  
EYFS Intimate Care Policy**

### **Rationale**

The teachers, support staff and Governors of Lingdale Primary School are committed to providing professional and respectful intimate care, where necessary.

Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out a procedure (such as cleaning up a pupil after they have soiled themselves) to intimate personal areas. This activity is expected to be for hygiene reasons.

The issue of intimate care is a sensitive one and requires the staff to be respectful of a child's needs. The child's dignity should always be preserved with as much privacy, choice and control as possible. Child protection issues are key to these activities. Staff must be open to scrutiny and work with parents/carers to provide continuity of care to children/young people, wherever possible.

Lingdale Primary School is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for intimate care will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times.

Intimate care can be required on a regular basis or following a specific incident. A child who requires regular intimate care, ie is not fully toilet trained, will be required to meet with a member of staff to complete and sign a Regular Intimate Care Parental Agreement Form.

### **Best Practice**

The management of children with intimate care needs will be carefully planned. The child will be treated with respect, prioritising their welfare and dignity at all times.

All staff who provide intimate care are fully EDBS checked, have child protection training and are aware of best practice.

Staff will be supported to adapt their best practice in relation to the needs of individual children.

The child will always be encouraged to achieve the highest level of autonomy possible given their age and sex, eg responsibility for washing themselves or making the decision whether their pull-ups need changing.

Careful consideration will be given to each child's situation to determine the number of carers who might need to be present when a child is toileted.

Intimate care may be provided by any member of the teaching or support staff, where it is part of their role. It will not be provided by parent helpers, students or volunteers.

Intimate care arrangements will be discussed with parents/carers on a regular basis and any changes recorded on the Intimate Care Parental Agreement Form.

Any concerns will be reported to the Head Teacher as Safeguarding Lead.

### **Practice & Routines**

Children who wear nappies, pull-ups or need regular toileting will use the toilet facilities in the area of EYFS they are based in.

Parents will provide nappies, pull-ups, wipes and creams, as well as changes of clothes if needed.

The school will provide changing mats, plastic gloves and aprons and disposal bags.

Wet nappies can be disposed of in the class bin within a sealed disposal bag.

Soiled nappies must be disposed of in the external general waste bin to the rear of the kitchens.

The staff member who changed a child's nappy or assisted with toileting will complete the intimate care record immediately.

#### Ad-hoc Intimate Care Arrangements

Spare clothes are available in school to be loaned to a child after an accident, and it is the responsibility of the parent to launder and return the clothes which have been borrowed.

In the unlikely event no suitable clothing is available parents will be contacted to bring clothing asap.

Wet or soiled clothes will be bagged/sealed for the parent to collect at the end of the day.

The parent/carer should be discreetly informed that the child has had an accident at home time.

The child should be reassured that this is an accident and there is nothing to be worried or ashamed about.

#### **Monitoring and Review**

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored and evaluated by the Headteacher/SLT, and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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Signed ..... Chair of Governors

Date .....

Signed ..... Head teacher

Date .....