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Intimate Care Policy

What is this policy for?

This policy is to set out clear guidelines for staff and an awareness for parents of how we deal with intimate care needs ensuring that pupils and staff are safeguarded.

The vision for Intimate Care Requirements

Hutton CE Primary school is an educationally inclusive school in which the well-being of every young person matters. We want to ensure that all children are treated with sensitivity and respect. This policy is based on the following fundamental principles:

- 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 on their own intimate care to the best of their abilities
- Every child has the right to have levels of intimate care that are as consistent as possible.

Arrangements

Sometimes it will be necessary for staff to aid a child in getting dressed or undressed particularly in the younger years. Staff will always encourage children to attempt to do this unaided.

If a child needs support to remove underwear (after an accident) they will be moved to a more private space to preserve their dignity and a second adult should be in attendance for safeguarding purposes.

If a child has wet themselves they will be encouraged to clean themselves and an adult in the class toilet area will be in attendance. Wet clothes will be placed in a bag to go home.

Sometimes, if a child has soiled themselves, it may be necessary to help a child to clean themselves. If this is the case then two adults will be in attendance for safeguarding purposes. The child's permission will always be sought before helping to clean a child. Staff must wear gloves (and a disposable apron if showering a child). Everything- including wipes- must be placed in a double bag which is then sealed and put in the outside bin. Soiled clothes should be placed in a double bag to be sent home.

Each class should have appropriate spare clothes for children to change into and in EYFS children should be encouraged to bring spare clothes.

After the child has been changed the area should be cleaned using a **red mop head and a red bucket** available from the cleaner's cupboard. Disinfectant is also kept in the cupboard.

Resources

The school has accessible toilet facilities for all classes and we have disabled toilet facilities which can be used if required.



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Safety & Risk

If an adult needs to physically assist a child to clean themselves then for safeguarding both the child and adults, two adults are required to be in attendance. Staff will always treat the child with respect.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The policy will be reviewed bi-annually or in line with any updated information.

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Ratified by the Local Governing Body and signed by chair or vice-chair:

Jane Barry

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Chair of LGB