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Overview

Intimate care is care which involves any of the following:-

- Assisting a child to change his/her clothes
- Changing or washing a child who has soiled him/herself
- Assisting with toileting issues
- Supervising a child involved in intimate self-care.

It is our intention at Shadsworth Infant School to develop independence in each child, however there will be occasions when help is needed.

If your child soils him/herself in school, a professional judgement has to be made whether it is appropriate to change the child in school, or request the parent or carer to collect the child for changing.

The role of Shadsworth Infant School:-

- To provide opportunity for the child to change his / her underwear in private and carry out this process themselves.
- If a child is not able to complete this task unaided, this agreement provides the school with consent to assist the child in cleaning and changing him/herself.
- Where a child requires assistance in a bathroom, as well as the member of staff assisting, an additional colleague will be in attendance. This is in accordance with the school's safeguarding procedures.
- To practise good hygiene, including staff hand washing, wearing gloves throughout and ensuring all clothing is sealed in a plastic bag for return to parent or carer.

- To:-
 - i. Involve the child in the intimate care.
 - ii. Treat the child with dignity and respect.
 - iii. Ensure the child's right to privacy is respected.
- To cease care immediately should a child appear distressed or uncomfortable at any point. The parent or carer will then be contacted to assist.
- To ensure a record of all soiling incidents in school is kept, whether requiring assistance or not, and also ensure home is discretely notified at the end of the school day.

The role of the parent or carer:-

- To work with school to develop the child's needs for independence with intimate care.
- To ensure that the school have been provided with all personal items necessary (e.g. flushable wipes, change of underwear and clothing, plastic bags).
- To inform school or any factors that may affect the child requiring personal care.
- To ensure that all contact information is kept up to date.
- To understand that the school have the right to refuse to provide intimate care at any time.

By signing this form, I give permission for

_____ (child's name)

to receive intimate care (eg. help with changing or following toileting procedures) from Shadsworth Infant School, in accordance with this agreement.

Parent/Carer:

Signed

Relationship to child

Date

School:-

Signed

Position in school

Date
