



## Rockwell Green Church of England Primary School

# Intimate Care Policy

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## INTIMATE CARE POLICY

### Policy Statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

We provide nappy changing facilities in our Rockets provision and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

### Procedures

- A member of our team will change children at the end of our sessions (both AM and PM) or more frequently where necessary.
- Young children are changed within sight/hearing of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes.
- Each child's parent provides their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes. These will be kept in a bag in the child's peg in the cloakroom.
- Gloves are provided for staff to use while changing children. Once finished staff clean the changing unit with anti-bacterial wipes and record on the settings nappy checking. This records date, time, child's name and wet or soiled.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.

- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand.
- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children. Young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent, adults will support if necessary.
- We dispose of nappies or pull ups hygienically. The nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect (and may be a disciplinary matter).

