

Our Christian Values: Creativity, Compassion, Friendship, Perseverance and Respect

Intimate Care Provision Parental Agreement Form

- 1 Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out a specific medical procedure (such as cleaning up a pupil after they have soiled themselves) to intimate personal areas.
- 2 The issue of intimate care is a sensitive one and will require staff to be respectful of the child's needs. The child's dignity should always be preserved with a high level of privacy, choice and control. There shall be a high awareness of child protection issues. Staff behaviour must be open to scrutiny and staff must work in partnership with parents/carers to provide continuity of care to children/young people wherever possible.
- 3 Bridge Schools is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times. The schools recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect when intimate care is given. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress or pain.
- 4 The child who requires intimate care is treated with respect at all times; the child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance.
- 5 The child will be supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible given their age and abilities. Staff will encourage each child to do as much for him/herself as he/she can. This may mean, for example, giving the child responsibility for washing themselves. Individual intimate care plans will be drawn up for particular children as appropriate to suit the circumstances of the child.
- 6 Each child's right to privacy will be respected. Careful consideration will be given to each child's situation to determine how many carers might need to be present when a child is toileted. Where possible one child will be catered for by one adult unless there is a sound reason for having more adults present.
- 7 Wherever possible the same child will not be cared for by the same adult on a regular basis; ideally there will be a rota of carers known to the child who will take turns in providing care.
- 8 Each school has a log book to record who changes a child, how often this task is carried out and the time they left/returned to the classroom following this task.
- 9 Parents have a role to play when their child is still wearing nappies. The parent should provide nappies, disposal bags, wipes, etc., and parents should be made aware of this responsibility. Schools are responsible for providing gloves, plastic aprons, a bin and liners to dispose of any waste.
- 10 Aprons and gloves will be worn when dealing with a child who is bleeding or soiled or when changing a soiled nappy.
- 11 When administering first aid staff will ensure wherever possible that another adult or other children are present. The pupil's dignity will always be considered and where contact of a more intimate nature is required (e.g. assisting with injury to intimate areas), another member of staff will be in the vicinity and will be made aware of the task being undertaken and ensure entry into the school's first aid log is made.

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Permission Form for Intimate Care Provision

Should your child have an accident (soil or wet themselves) in school and require changing or assistance with changing we are willing, with your permission, to clean and change your child as required. We will follow the procedures outlined in our "Intimate Care Policy". This role will always be undertaken by a member of staff and you will be informed that an incident has taken place.

In such an event please indicate below how you would like us to proceed.

- In the event of my child having an accident in school and needing/requiring assistance to be cleaned and changed, I give permission for a member of staff (teacher or classroom assistant) to clean and change/assist in cleaning and changing him/her.

Child's name _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

OR

- In the event of my child having an accident in school and needing to be cleaned, I would like to be contacted so that I can proceed to school.

I accept that if you are unable to contact myself or someone on the emergency contact you will proceed to clean and change/assist in cleaning and changing him/her as based on the procedures outlined in the "Intimate Care Policy".

Child's name _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)