



Intimate care Policy

Tiddlers Nursery and Pre School is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will always undertake their duties in a professional manner. We 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.

Children will be treated with dignity and staff must follow appropriate procedures when carrying out the following:

- Changing nappies
- Toileting
- Changing clothes
- Washing
- Handling
- Administering medication (to be carried out only by appropriately trained staff)
- Or any other intimate procedure

Where possible the child's key person will carry out intimate care procedures and ensure their care plan is adhered to.

Children's privacy will be respected throughout and independence will be encouraged; staff will offer support when this is necessary or asked for.

We will safeguard children by ensuring that only staff with a current enhanced DBS and the appropriate training will carry out intimate care procedures. Staff will not be left on their own with children for extended periods of time.

All staff are trained in safeguarding procedures and will report any concerns.

All staff must ensure that they protect themselves by following these guidelines.

- Always tell another member of staff when you are changing a child's nappy or clothes or accompanying a child to the toilet
- Always ensure that a child's privacy is protected by using the appropriate changing facilities and only allowing access to members of staff
- In some instances, it may be appropriate for 2 members of staff to change a child e.g. If a child gets very distressed when being changed.
- Always wear protective gloves & aprons and dispose of the nappies in yellow sacks
- Always wash hands thoroughly after supporting a child with intimate care.

Date:

Signed on behalf of the nursery by:

The date for review: