

Intimate Care Policy

Trinity Day Nursery are committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for intimate care of our children, will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times.

We have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of young children in our care.

We recognise that there is a need for children to be treated with respect when intimate care is given.

No child will be treated in a way that causes distress, embarrassment or pain.

Staff will work in close partnership with parents and carers to share information and provide continuity of care.

Definition:

Intimate care is defined as any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out invasive procedures that most young children could carry out for themselves, but are unable to do so. Disabled children may be unable to meet their own needs for a variety of reasons and will require regular support.

Our approach to best practice:

- The management of children with intimate care needs will be sensitively handled
- Staff who provide intimate care are trained to do so (including child protection, CRB clearance, moving and handling where appropriate) and are fully aware of best practice
- There is sensitive communication between any child and the member of staff who is supporting them during this intimate time
- Staff will be supported to adapt their practice for children who require intimate care taking into account the child's individual developmental needs
- Close relationships with parents/carers will ensure regular reviews of their child's needs take place and a Health Care Plan will be in place and regularly up-dated (if required, some younger children will need support during toilet training and may require support to wipe/clean themselves when they have used the toilet)
- Staff will ensure the care is given as privately as possible to not cause embarrassment to the child, preferably in a cubicle as discreetly as possible.