



Stepping Stones Pre School **Intimate Care Policy**

Intimate care may be defined as any activity required to meet the personal care needs of each individual child. Parents have a responsibility to advise staff of the intimate care needs of their child, and staff have the responsibility to work in partnership with children and parents.

The main principles of intimate care are:

Every child has the right to be safe

Every child has the right to personal privacy

Every child has the right to be valued as an individual

Every child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect

Every child has the right to be involved and consulted in their own intimate care to the best of their abilities

Every child has the right to express their views on their own intimate care and to have such taken into account

Every child has the right to have levels of intimate care that are as consistent as possible

Here at Stepping Stones Pre-school we have a duty of care to meet the personal needs of each individual child, this includes toileting and changing nappies, and help in getting changed.

During a session in pre-school, children in nappies will be changed by a staff member who has been DBS checked, they are required to wear protective gloves, and have access to aprons. They inform other staff when nappy's are being changed.

Children who are able to use the toilet or potty may require assistance with pulling up or down underwear, and help in making sure they are clean after toileting. Older children are encouraged as much as possible to be independent, but may still need a little support. Toilet doors are left open if adult help is needed and protective gloves are worn at all times. Only staff who are DBS checked will assist in toileting, volunteers will not be allowed in the toilet area.

Rising Fives Swimming sessions

During the summer term we take the Rising 5's for swimming sessions to the school pool. This involves separating the boys and girls into different changing rooms and DBS checked staff and volunteers will help with getting the children changed before and after swimming and getting them dried. Children are encouraged as much as possible to be independent but help is often required.

When with children, if there are any concerns with the child then we will follow our safeguarding policy and procedures.

**THIS POLICY WAS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE
PRESCHOOL HELD ON (DATE).....**

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PRE-SCHOOL.....

Intimate care

Please sign to say you are happy with the intimate care policy, which will be stored in your child's personal file

Name of child.....

Name of parent/guardian.....

Date.....