

Lord Scudamore Academy

Early Years Intimate Care Policy

Intimate care in school during Covid-19 In addition to the existing Intimate care policy guidelines below, intimate care practices during Covid-19 will also adhere to the following:

All staff involved in intimate care will be provided with personal protective equipment care pack containing:

- Apron
- Face Mask
- Wipes
- Face Shield
- Gloves

Staff are not to support with intimate care without wearing the appropriate PPE. PPE will be stored in all EYFS classrooms and in EYFS areas. Any equipment used will be disposed of in a lidded bin.

Some children may still be wearing nappies or pull ups when they start school and will need to be changed regularly. The DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) requires schools to make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of each child, which includes continence issues. Staff will work with parents (and the school nurse if involved) to support these children to become toilet trained. Parents of children who are not yet toilet trained will be asked to sign a home/school agreement regarding nappy/soiled clothing changing.

Some children may have occasional accidents and need to be changed. Where possible children will be encouraged to change themselves e.g. if only wet underwear need to be changed etc. Parents of all children will be asked to sign a home/school agreement regarding changing of clothing.

However when children need support or cleaning the following procedures will be followed. Our aim is to ensure that every child feels safe and cared for during a change of nappy and/or clothing.

All members of staff who are involved in changing children will adhere to Safeguarding procedures.

When the child has a nappy/soiled clothing that requires changing it may be appropriate to change the child standing up, particularly for older children. Standing up also helps to protect their dignity and gives them more control. To change a child standing up:

Procedures

- Take the child discreetly to the changing area.
- Always inform another member of staff that you are changing a child, who will then ensure that they are nearby.
- Always wear gloves for any bodily fluids or faeces.
- Whenever possible the child removes nappy and/or soiled clothing and place in a plastic bag.
- Encourage the child to clean their own bottom with the supplied appropriate wipes. Support will be provided if necessary.
- Remove the gloves now, before you touch a clean nappy or touch the child's clothes.
- Remove gloves by peeling back from your wrists. Do not let your skin touch the outer contaminated surface of the glove. Put the gloves in the bag, which should be double bagged before being placed in an appropriate bin, e.g. a nappy bin with a secure lid or a clinical waste bin.
- Encourage the child to put the clean nappy or underwear on. Support will be provided if necessary. Gloves will need to be worn.
- Encourage the child to dress themselves. Support will be provided if necessary.
- Get the child to wash their hands and wash your own hands.

- Complete a record of the time of change and those present.
- Staff should report any marks or injuries that they are concerned about to the Designated Person.

If a child needs more support to be changed and needs to be placed on to a changing mat:

- Take the child discreetly to the changing area.
- Always inform another member of staff that you are changing a child, who will then ensure they are nearby.
- Always wear gloves for any bodily fluids or faeces.
- Ask child to lie on the change mat.
- Whenever possible the child is to remove nappy and any soiled clothes and place in a plastic bag.
- Child cleans their own bottom with the supplied and appropriate wipes.
- Remove the gloves now, before you touch a clean nappy or touch the child's clothes.
- Remove gloves by peeling back from your wrists. Do not let your skin touch the outer contaminated surface of the glove. Put the gloves in a bag which should be double bagged before being placed in an appropriate bin.
- Encourage the child to put on the clean nappy/underwear or put the nappy on for the child.
- Encourage the child to dress themselves, providing support where necessary. Gloves will be needed.
- Get the child to wash their hands.
- Complete a record of the time of change and those present.
- Clean the change mat, paying particular attention to any folds in the mat. At the completion of each nappy change, ensure any cleansing material is also double bagged.
- Wash your hands.
- Staff should report any marks or injuries that they are concerned about to the Designated Person.

Home/School agreement for changing/toilet training

Parents / Carers

I / We the parent(s) / Carer(s) of _____ in

Class _____

Give permission for my / our child to be supported whilst changing / being changed by a member of staff at Lord Scudamore Academy if they become soiled or wet.

I / We agree:

My child will arrive in a clean nappy/underwear or I will change it on arrival.

I will provide all nappies, nappy sacks and wipes to be used.

I will provide changes of clothes, wipes and plastic bags for soiled clothing.

I will report any changes in my child's medication, routine or skin care.

I will inform school if my child has any marks or a rash.

I will work with staff to help my child to become toilet trained by continuing toileting routines at home.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print name_____