

Hope Brook C of E Primary School



Intimate Personal Care and Clinical Tasks Policy

The staff and governors are committed to the development of each child in the best possible learning environment to encourage all children to achieve their fullest potential.

We want the children to achieve success through their own efforts, teamwork, self-discipline and motivation, and through links with the Church and community, work towards a better future for themselves and the world in which they live.

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This document should be read in conjunction with:

- *Teaching and Learning Policy*
- *Inclusion Policy*
- *Additional Needs Policy*
- *Equal Opportunities*
- *Safeguarding Policy*

Introduction

Hope Brook C of E Primary School is committed to providing personal care that has been recognised as an assessed need and indicated in a care plan or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Definition of Intimate Personal Care and Clinical Tasks

Intimate care refers to personal care which is 'hands on' physical care in personal hygiene and/or physical presence or observation during activities such as:

- showering or bathing (during residential trips)
- toileting (wiping and care in the genital and anal areas)
- continence care
- menstrual hygiene
- un/dressing

Clinical tasks refers to those tasks which require additional training to perform such as administering anaphylactic pens.

Our Aims for Intimate Care and Clinical Tasks Provision

- To maintain the dignity of the child.
- To be sensitive to the child's needs and preferences.
- To maximise the child's safety and comfort.
- To protect against intrusion and abuse.
- To respect the child's right to give or withdraw their consent.
- To encourage a child to care for themselves as much as they are able to do so.
- To offer sufficient time and support to perform tasks independently.
- To ensure staff feel secure performing intimate care with pupils.

Our Procedures

- The care need is assessed by an appropriate health care professional.
- The care need is addressed in the child's Care Plan or EHCP.
- The appropriate health professional delivers the appropriate training to the nominated carer
- The parent gives their consent to the care being offered.
- The carer gives their consent to provide the appropriate care.
- The child gives their consent to the care being offered.
- The appropriate care is offered when necessary.
- The child is supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible given their age and abilities.

Wherever possible, the pupil's wishes and feelings should be sought and taken into account. The religious views, beliefs and cultural values of children and their families should be taken into account, particularly as they might affect certain practices or determine the gender of the carer.

- 4.18 Health & Safety guidelines should be adhered to regarding waste products, if necessary, advice should be taken from the DCC Procurement Department regarding disposal of large amounts of waste products or any quantity of products that come under the heading of clinical waste.

An individual member of staff should inform another appropriate adult when they are going alone to assist a pupil with intimate care.

Date of policy: September 2018

Date of review: September 2023 – OR – following any significant change in Government policy

This policy was formulated in consultation with the Headteacher and teaching staff.

This policy was accepted by the Governing Body at their meeting on Wednesday 26th September 2018, and will be reviewed in 5 years.

Signed 

Chair of Governors

Signed 

Headteacher



Parental Permission for Intimate Care

I give permission for to receive intimate care
(*changing nappies or supporting the use of the potty or toilet*).

I have been given a copy of the school's Intimate Care Policy.

I will provide the necessary nappies and a change of clothes.

Signed

Person with legal responsibility

Date