



# West Road Primary School

Title of Policy: *Intimate Care Policy*

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## Intimate Care.

Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure (such as cleaning up a pupil after they have soiled themselves) to intimate personal areas. In most cases such care will involve cleaning for hygiene purposes as part of a staff member's duty of care.

The issue of intimate care is a sensitive one and will require staff to be respectful of the child's needs. The child's dignity should always be preserved with a high level of privacy.

There should be a high awareness of child issues. Staff behaviour should be open to scrutiny and staff must work in partnership with parents/carers to provide continuity of care protection to young children/people wherever possible.

The management of all children with intimate care needs will be carefully planned.

The child should be treated with respect at all times.

Staff providing care should be trained to do so (including Child protection, Health & safety & where necessary Moving & handling).

Disposable resources such as gloves and aprons should be provided and used in line with schools health & safety guidelines.

Staff will be supported to meet the child's individual needs.

Language & terms used to describe body parts will reflect those documented in the schools PSE/SRE policies.

The child will be encouraged to do as much for him/herself, taking into account their age and abilities.

Individual care plans will be drawn up for each child and agreed with parents/carers. These will be reviewed on a regular basis.