

EYFS Toileting and Intimate Care Policy

St Lawrence's C of E Primary School with Little Lawrences

A happy church school that nurtures the unique talents of individuals and brings them together so that 'they will soar on wings like eagles'. (Isaiah 40:31)

Policy Statement

At St Lawrence's C of E Primary School, including Little Lawrences, we are committed to supporting every child's personal care needs in a warm and respectful way. We recognise that children develop toileting skills at different stages and we work in close partnership with parents and carers to promote independence, confidence and dignity.

Our Aims

- To ensure all children are supported with toileting and intimate care in a safe, caring and hygienic manner.
- To promote children's independence and self-help skills where developmentally appropriate.
- To work in partnership with parents and carers to provide consistent support.
- To ensure children are treated with dignity, respect and privacy at all times.

Key Principles

- No child will be refused a place or delayed entry because they are not toilet trained.
- Children will never be made to feel embarrassed or 'in trouble' for accidents.
- Intimate care will be provided by trained staff with appropriate safeguarding checks.
- Wherever possible, children will be supported by a familiar member of staff.
- All procedures follow safeguarding, health and safety guidance.

Toileting and Intimate Care Arrangements

Some children at Little Lawrences and in the Early Years may still be developing toileting skills. Staff will sensitively encourage children to use the toilet when they show readiness and interest. Parents will be kept informed and involved at every stage.

Children who are not yet toilet trained may wear nappies or pull-ups. Parents are asked to provide nappies, wipes and any creams required. Staff will change children as needed, using appropriate protective clothing and hygiene procedures.

Children will be encouraged to wear clothing that is easy to manage, such as elasticated waistbands, to support independence.

Hygiene and Safety

All intimate care routines are carried out following strict hygiene procedures. Gloves and aprons are worn, changing areas are cleaned after each use, and nappies are disposed of safely. Staff and children wash their hands after toileting or changing.

Partnership with Parents

We value open communication with parents and carers. If a child has an accident or requires a change, staff will inform parents. Where additional support is needed, an individual toileting plan may be agreed together.

Summary

At St Lawrence's C of E Primary School and Little Lawrences, we understand that toileting is a personal and important part of a child's development.

- Accidents are normal and handled calmly and kindly.
- Trained staff support children with toileting and nappy changing.
- Children are encouraged to become independent when they are ready.
- Parents provide nappies, wipes and spare clothes if needed.
- We always respect children's privacy, dignity and wellbeing.

We work closely with parents to ensure a consistent and supportive approach. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Early Years team.

Guidance and Advice for Parents and Families

For further advice and guidance, the following links will be signposted to parents.

- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-%E2%80%93-baby-child%E2%80%99s-health-development/keeping-clean>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhqts82>
- <https://startingreception.co.uk/potty-training/>

This policy will be used in conjunction with our SEND Policy.

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