

Cavendish Church of England Primary School



Intimate Care Policy

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body	
Signed: Headteacher	
Date:	Spring 2022
Date to be Reviewed:	Spring 2024

Our Vision

In our school our Christian vision shapes all we do.

Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10

Our School Vision Statement reflects this commitment as children and staff are taught to challenge inequality, prejudice, bullying and harm; to respond with compassion and sensitivity to individual need and to respect the rights of all individuals to be safe and nurtured within God's world.

We encourage children to respond creatively to internal and external challenges in life, with compassion for others, including consideration for creation and the planet itself. Thus we show how to live justly and with a pure heart, reflecting the teachings of Jesus and God's love within our school environment.

Policy Statement

As part of our commitment to compassion, we are a fully inclusive setting. Whilst it is expected that most children will not require intimate care due to wetting or soiling, we recognise that the need to do so may be due to either a medical need, emotional need or level of personal development. Also, this policy recognises that with any young child, accidents may happen. In these circumstances, the following will apply:-

Responsibilities of the parents/carers

If wetting / soiling is anticipated to happen on a regular basis, parents/carers are asked to provide the following:

- A supply of underwear, a change of trousers/skirt and socks/tights for their child
- A pack of wipes which are suitable for their child's skin
- A pack of fragranced disposal bags
- A complete change of clothes for use in emergencies
- A named bag to store the above items in

It is also expected that all parents will work alongside the school in encouraging their child to become more independent through actively training them whilst at home.

For occasional and unexpected incidences, the child will be provided with a new set of undergarments and the parents/carers will be requested to provide a voluntary donation to cover these costs.

Responsibility of the school

Whenever an adult is required to supervise or assist a child in changing they will obtain assistance from another adult in school, *if this is not possible* they must tell another adult what they are doing, where they are going to do it and ensure that this is never carried out in a closed or locked area. If one of these adults then becomes available they will then provide assistance.

Routines

- As far as possible, children will be expected to clean and change themselves whilst under adult supervision.
- The child will be expected to clean themselves as far as possible. If adult help is required, the adult will wear protective gloves and assist the child in cleaning him/herself whilst aiming to teach them to become more independent.
- Due regard must be paid to the rest of the class in the first instance. (It may therefore not be appropriate to clean/change the child immediately, but this will be done as soon as possible).
- Cleaning/changing of children will be carried out in one of the areas designated (this will be in Mars Class toilets or disabled toilet)
- All wet/soiled clothes will be placed in a fragranced bag and placed in the child's bag to take home.

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- Parents will be informed of any such incidents.
- The school will inform the parents when fresh supplies are required.

Nappies/Pull Ups/Continence Pads

It is expected that most children will not require a nappy and that the need to do so will be due to either a medical, developmental special need or level of development (i.e. very young in Nursery). In these circumstances, the following will apply:-

Responsibilities of the parents

Parents are asked to provide the following:

- Disposable nappies of the 'pull up' variety (initially a pack of approximately 24)
- A pack of wipes which are suitable for their child's skin
- A pack of fragranced disposal bags
- A complete change of clothes for use in emergencies
- A named bag to store the above items in

It is also expected that all parents will work alongside the school in encouraging their child to become more independent through actively training them whilst at home. For occasional and unexpected incidences, the child will be provided with a new set of undergarments, at school, and the parents/carers will be requested to provide a voluntary donation to cover these costs.

Responsibility of the school

Whenever an adult is required to supervise or assist a child in changing they will obtain assistance from another adult in school. *If this is not possible* they must tell two other adults what they are doing, where they are going to do it and ensure that this is never carried out in a closed or locked area. If one of these adults then becomes available they will then provide assistance.

Routines

- As far as possible, children will be expected to change their own nappies whilst under adult supervision.
- The child will be expected to clean themselves as far as possible.
- If adult help is required, the adult will wear protective gloves and assist the child in cleaning him/herself whilst aiming to teach them to become more independent. Due regard must be paid to the rest of the class in the first instance. (It may therefore not be appropriate to change the nappy immediately but to wait until it is safe and/or appropriate for an adult to be released to do so.
- Nappies will be changed in one of the areas designated (in main school this will be Mars class toilets or the disabled toilet. All used nappies will be placed in the specific bin ready for disposal.
- The school will inform the parents when fresh supplies are required.

Parents are asked to sign a copy of this school policy to indicate that they have read and agreed to it.

Progression throughout school

School fully supports children and their families for whom this is an ongoing need. School visits and enrichment opportunities, including our residential visits, can be reasonably adjusted with advance notice and in consultation with the enrichment provider. The school will act on the guidance from the family/medical professional. Every consideration is placed on supporting the child and respecting their sensitivity and privacy.

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Child's Name _____ Parent(s) Signature _____

Member of Staff _____ Date _____

Covid 19 Addendum

Whilst the school is operating at level 2 or higher under its Covid risk assessment, parents should be requested to come and collect their child for changing if locally available and intimate care does NOT form part of a previously agreed support plan.

Under Covid – 19 criteria, only new items such as undergarments can be used, not 'spares'. Any child requiring immediate attention on site, must be attended to by staff wearing full PPE, and any contaminated items double bagged for secure disposal.