

Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc

Intimate Care and Toileting Policy

Children with Specific Toileting/Intimate Care Needs:

- In all situations where a pupil needs assistance with Toileting/Intimate Care, a meeting will be convened, after enrolment and before the child starts school
- Parents, Guardians, Principal, Class Teacher, SNA, and if appropriate, the pupil, will attend
- The specific care needs of the child, and how the school will meet them, will be clarified
- Personnel involved in this care will be identified
- Provision for occasions when a member/s of staff is/are absent will be outlined (e.g. Substitute SNA's will not generally be involved in intimate care). Any change of personnel will be discussed with the pupil, if appropriate
- Two members of staff will be present when dealing with Intimate Care needs
- Any changes will be discussed with parent/guardian and pupil and noted in writing in the pupil's file
- As far as possible, the pupil will be involved in identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, changes etc
- A written copy of the agreement will be kept on the pupil's file
- Parents will be notified of any changes from agreed procedures
- At all times the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount in addressing intimate care needs
- Staff will wear protective gloves

Toileting Accidents:

- A. At the junior infant induction meetings, the school procedures will be outlined to parents, and they will be asked to submit in writing if they have specific wishes regarding toileting accidents. The school will consider the submission and will inform the parents if it acceptable
- B. A supply of clean underwear, track-suit bottoms etc will be kept in the school for 'wetting accidents'
- C. In the first instance, the pupil will be offered fresh clothing and will be expected to clean and change themselves
- D. If, for any reason, the child is unable to clean or change themselves, the procedure outlined by parents and accepted by the school will be followed, if applicable
- E. If staff must clean /change the child in the case of 'wetting' accidents, two members of staff, familiar to the child will attend to him/her
- F. Parents will be notified of these accidents
- G. A record of the incident, as outlined in E (above) should be kept