

This policy is incorporated into the EYFS and Managing Medical Conditions in School policies

Intimate Care Policy

“Intimate” care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure that most children are able to carry out themselves. However, depending on a child’s age and stage of development, they may need some support, for example dressing, wiping their bottom after using the toilet, changing underwear following an accident and, in some cases, changing nappies / pads. In most cases, intimate care is to do with personal hygiene and it is good practice for the school to inform the school nurse of all children requiring intimate care.

Pupils are encouraged to act as independently as possible and to undertake as much of their own personal care as is possible and practicable. When assistance is required, this is normally undertaken by one member of staff, however the adult will ensure that, wherever possible, they are visible and / or audible. Intimate or personal care procedures should not involve more than one member of staff unless a pupil’s care plan specifies the reason for this.

Every child has the right to privacy, dignity and a professional approach from all staff when meeting their needs and it is important that staff work in partnership with parents to give the right support to an individual child.

No intimate care is to be given without the express written permission of the parent or guardian of that child and all parents and guardians will be asked to provide that permission when their child joins the Foundation Stage at Uffington School. Where intimate or personal care is required, parents and carers will be informed on the day that care has been given, either through the home / school communication book, by telephone or in person.