

Childhood Wetting and Soiling Policy

The purpose of this policy is to set out the procedure the staff will follow if a child has a toileting accident whilst in our care. We are committed to developing positive and caring attitudes in our children. It is our intention to develop independence in each child, however there are occasions when help is required.

Aims

This policy aims to safeguard the dignity, rights and well-being of children and to assure parents / guardians that staff are knowledgeable about changing a child and that their individual needs and concerns are taken into consideration. Toileting accidents can be common in childhood especially in Early Years, and by primary these accidents should be rare. Such accidents will be dealt with respectfully and sensitively.

Procedure

Designated members of staff (teachers/learning assistant) will:

- Escort the child to a toilet. School will provide spare clothes when necessary obtained from reception.
- Supervise and assist the child where appropriate as they clean themselves, as much as they are able to independently.
- Inform parents that their child has had an accident at school.
- If the child is not able to complete this task and is in distress, school staff will contact the parent to inform them of the situation, who will be asked to attend to their child.
- If the parent is unable to attend school, a verbal consent will be obtained to help their child get changed.
- Ensure the child washes their hands thoroughly.
- Send home wet or soiled clothes in a bag. School will not be responsible for cleaning soiled clothes.

Key persons who will support and assist child in changing will have completed the Safeguarding and Child Protection Training. If it becomes evident that a child has an ongoing problem that is requiring regular intervention, the class teacher will meet with the parent to discuss the resolution of the problem. This will be done with reference to the School Doctor.

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