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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.
- In relation to the intimate care needs of senior (pubescent) girls, class teacher/member of staff will make sanitary wear available, if needed. Parents will be notified in this instance.
- 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 staffs 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 to 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 pupils 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:

- At the junior infant induction meetings (from 2018-2019), the school procedures will be outlined to parents.
- A supply of clean underwear, wipes, track-suit bottoms etc will be kept in the school.
- In the first instance, the pupil will be offered fresh clothing to clean and change themselves.
- If staff must clean /change the child, two members of staff, familiar to the child will attend to him/her.
- Parents will be notified of these accidents.
- A record of the incident should be kept.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 20th June 2018.

This policy has been made available to school personnel, published on the school website and provided to the Parents' Association. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management. Written notification that the review has been completed will be made available to school personnel, and provided to the Parents' Association.

Date of next review: June 2021 (or sooner, if deemed necessary)

RATIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

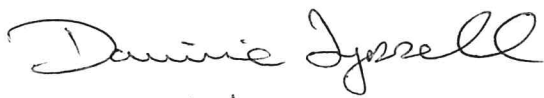
This plan was reviewed by the Board of Management and ratified on 20th June 2018.

Signature: _____


(Chairperson of BOM)

Date: _____

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