



INTIMATE CARE POLICY and PARENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

1. Intimate care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure (such as cleaning up a pupil after they have soiled themselves) to intimate personal areas.

2. The issue of intimate care is a sensitive one and will require staff to be respectful of the child's needs. The child's dignity should always be preserved with a high level of privacy, choice and control. There shall be a high awareness of child protection issues. Staff behaviour must be open to scrutiny and staff must work in partnership with parents/carers to provide continuity of care to children/young people wherever possible.

3. Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will always undertake their duties in a professional manner. Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy recognises that there is a need to treat all children with respect when intimate care is given. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress or pain.

4. The child who requires intimate care is treated with respect at all times; the child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance.

5. The child will be supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible given their age and abilities. Staff will encourage each child to do as much for him/herself as he/she can. This may mean, for example, giving the child responsibility for washing themselves. Individual intimate care plans will be drawn up for particular children as appropriate to suit the circumstances of the child.

6. Each child's right to privacy will be respected. Where possible one child will be catered for by one adult unless there is a sound reason for having more adults present.

7. Wherever possible the same child will not be cared for by the same adult on a regular basis; ideally there will be a rota of carers known to the child who will take turns in providing care.

9. Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy has introduced a record of who changes a child, how often the child is checked and whether the child required changing.

10. Parents have a role to play when their child is still wearing nappies. The parent should provide nappies, disposal bags, wipes and parents should be made aware of this responsibility. Schools are responsible for providing gloves, plastic aprons, a bin and liners to dispose of any waste.

11. Staff should always wear an apron and gloves when dealing with a child who is wet or soiled or when changing a wet/soiled nappy. Any waste should be placed in a polythene waste disposal bag, which can be sealed. This bag should then be placed in a bin (complete with a liner) which is specifically designated for the disposal of such waste.

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I agree to support the Intimate Care Policy and practice of Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy

Signature of Parent / Carer

Print Name

Date

Signature of School Representative

Print Name

Position

Date