



Intimate Care Policy for Children

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Introduction:

At Castle Farm Countryside Classroom Ltd we understand that some children may require intimate care assistance due to their individual needs. This policy outlines our commitment to providing safe, respectful, and dignified intimate care for children in our care.

Scope:

This policy applies to all staff members, volunteers, and individuals involved in providing intimate care to children at Castle Farm

Guiding Principles:

1. **Dignity and Respect:** All children will be treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity during intimate care procedures.
2. **Consent:** Children will be provided with age-appropriate information and involved in decision-making regarding their care whenever possible.
3. **Privacy:** Intimate care procedures will be conducted in a private and confidential manner, ensuring the child's privacy is respected.
4. **Training:** Staff members and volunteers involved in intimate care will receive appropriate training on best practices, safeguarding, and confidentiality.
5. **Documentation:** All intimate care procedures will be documented accurately and securely in the child's records.

Procedure:

1. Identification of Needs:

- The child's individual needs for intimate care will be identified and documented in their child specific risk assessment.
- Parents or guardians will be consulted to provide information on the child's preferences, sensitivities, and any specific requirements.

2. Consent and Communication:

- Staff members will seek consent from the child before providing intimate care, explaining the procedure in a clear and age-appropriate manner.
- Communication with the child will be respectful and supportive, ensuring they feel comfortable and empowered throughout the process.

3. Privacy and Dignity:

- Intimate care procedures will be conducted in a private area, with appropriate measures in place to maintain the child's dignity and confidentiality.
- Staff members will use respectful language and maintain a professional demeanour during intimate care tasks.

4. Training and Support:

- Staff members involved in intimate care will receive training on best practices, safeguarding, and communication techniques.
- Regular supervision and support will be provided to staff members to ensure they feel confident and competent in providing intimate care.

5. Documentation and Monitoring:

- All intimate care procedures will be documented accurately in the child's records, including details of the procedure, any concerns or observations, and the child's response.

- The effectiveness of the intimate care policy will be monitored and reviewed regularly to identify areas for improvement.

Castle Farm is committed to ensuring that all children receive safe, respectful, and dignified intimate care in accordance with this policy.

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure it remains current and aligned with best practices in intimate care for children.

I, the undersigned, authorise the adults at Castle Farm Countryside Classroom to provide intimate care to my child in accordance with the details specified in Castle Farm's Intimate care policy.

Students name _____

Name: [Parent/Guardian Name] _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____