



SN Tulach Uí Chadhain

Intimate Care and Toileting Policy

Introduction:

This policy was drafted by the whole staff of Scoil Naomh Bríde, Tulach Uí Chadhain. Scoil Naomh Bríde recognises the importance of having clear guidelines in place for the intimate care of those children who need it. These guidelines will inform the intimate care plans created for each child who needs support.

Aims:

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- To outline the arrangements and procedure for the intimate care of pupils with needs.

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
- Parents, Guardians, Principal, 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, the school procedures will be outlined to parents regarding toileting accidents
- Parents with specific wishes with regards to toileting accidents will be asked to submit these in writing
- A supply of clean 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, for any reason, the child is unable to clean or change themselves, the procedure outlined by parents will be followed
- 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

Ratification and Review

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 11th Sept. 2024 and will be reviewed as necessary. The policy has been made available to school personnel, published on the school website and provided to the Parent's Association.

Signed



Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 11/09/2024

Signed



School Principal

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