

Stanton Bridge Intimate Care & Nappy Changing Policy

Stanton Bridge Primary School concern is to address the needs of all children to help them achieve their full potential. We work in partnership with parents/carers and encourage and support the involvement and inclusion of individual children and it is for this reason that we have an intimate care policy.

Children's dignity will be preserved and a high level of privacy, choice and control will be provided to them. Stanton Bridge Primary School is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times.

If a member of staff has any concerns about physical changes in a child's presentation, e.g. marks, bruises, soreness etc. s/he will immediately report concerns to one of the School's designated people responsible for Child Protection, who will follow the procedures outlined in the Child Protection policy

If any parent or member of staff has concerns or questions about intimate care procedures or individual routines please see one of the designated people responsible for child protection at the earliest possible convenience. If a child becomes distressed or unhappy about being cared for by a particular member of staff, the matter will be looked into and outcomes recorded. Parents/carers will be contacted at the earliest opportunity as part of this process in order to reach a resolution.

If an allegation is made against a member of staff, the school will follow the procedure outlined in the Safeguarding Policy.

Intimate care procedures will be carried out by the child's key person wherever possible. The member of staff changing the child will inform another member of staff that they are going to do this. The adult who is changing a child will always be accompanied by a witness. Staff must complete the changing log.

Staff will wash their hands and wear fresh aprons and disposable gloves while changing a child.

Soiled nappies, wipes and gloves will be securely wrapped and disposed of appropriately in the designated covered bin with a disposable liner. The bin will be emptied at least once a day and the liner replaced.

- The changing area will be cleaned with a detergent spray or soap and water.
- Hot water and soap is available for staff to wash hands as soon as changing is finished.
- Paper towels are available to dry hands.