

Intimate Care Policy

Providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well....
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Intimate care is any activity that requires meeting the personal care needs of any individual child. Parents/carers will advise us on the level of intimate care their child needs, and we will work in partnership with children and parents/carers to deliver this care.

Intimate care covers feeding, washing, dressing and undressing, toilet assistance, treatment of skin conditions or anything that requires close contact with a child.

We only allow trained and vetted persons/staff to carry out intimate care and with parental permission.

We treat every child with the respect and dignity that is appropriate for their age and personal situation. Assistance will be given if the child feels comfortable with help, and encourage children to be independent and complete the intimate care themselves. It is important to talk with the child about the intimate care you are helping them with at a level of communication the child understands.

Nappy Changing

Of course babies and toddlers will require their nappy changing throughout their stay with us. This will be done on a clean and disinfected changing mat in our bathroom away from other children and parents/carers who are in the house at the time. I leave doors open when in the bathroom so that I am never fully alone with a child when performing an intimate care task. Wet and soiled nappies are disposed of immediately in nappy sacks and into the lidded bin in the bathroom.

Toilets and training

We have two toilets available downstairs plus access to potty's for children who prefer to use them. Stools and seats are provided to allow those who are capable to visit the toilet with little assistance.

For children who are toilet training, accidents may happen so it may be necessary for children's clothes to be changed. This will be done in the privacy of the bathroom away from other children and parents/carers on the premises. Assistance will be given but children will be encouraged to dress themselves.

We do have a bath and shower available in the downstairs bathrooms, if parents give permission we can wash children after messy play or if they have got themselves in a mess. We would only bath children if they felt comfortable.