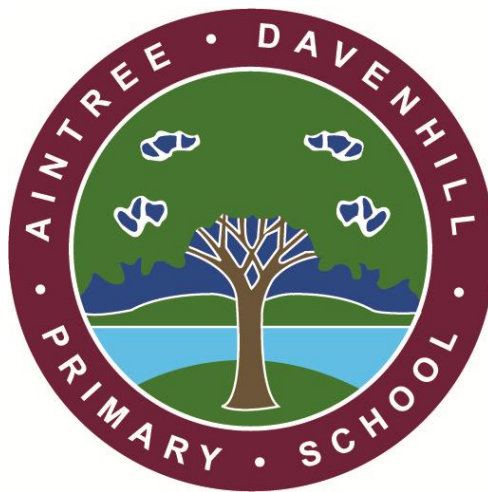


Aintree Davenhill Primary School



Toileting and Intimate Care Procedures and Consent

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EYFS Toileting and Intimate Care

Aintree Davenhill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We are committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for intimate care of children and young people will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times.

Intimate care is defined as any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure that most children and young people carry out for themselves, but which some are unable to do.

We recognise that there is a need for children and young people to be treated with respect when intimate care is given. No child shall be attended to in a way that causes distress, embarrassment, or pain. Staff will work in close partnership with parents and carers to share information and provide continuity of care.

It is generally expected that most children will be toilet trained and out of nappies before they begin in the EYFS. However, it is inevitable that from time to time some children will have accidents and need to be attended to. In addition to this, an increasing number of children and young people with disabilities and medical conditions are being included in mainstream settings. A significant number of these pupils require adult assistance for their personal and intimate care needs.

In order to help the children to become aware of their bodily needs and respond to them in time, those who wish to go to the toilet are always allowed to go, although they are encouraged as they progress through the school to use the toilet during break times. The school undertakes to attempt any support any training programme requested by a child's GP and/or the school doctor or parent.

Where a child has continuing incontinence problems (i.e. past EYFS) parents are expected to continue to provide a complete set of spare clothes and 'baby-wipes'. The school also keeps a stock of spare clothes in various sizes.

All staff including those in the EYFS staff have access to a private bathroom area if required (disabled toilet located next to parent room) with a toilet and hand basin with access to warm water. If using this area, two staff will be present.

In the setting, there is also a stock of baby wipes, plastic bags, and disposable protective gloves for staff to use, which they must do.

If a child soils him/herself during school time, one member of the EYFS staff (teacher, T.A or lunch supervisor) will:

- help the child to remove their soiled clothes
- talk the child through cleaning their skin (this usually includes bottom, genitalia, legs, feet) depending on the age and competency of the child
- tell the child to dress in their own clothes or those provided by the school
- double wrap soiled clothes in plastic bags and give to parents to take home

At all times the member of staff pays attention to the level of distress and comfort of the child. If the child is ill the member of staff telephones the parent/carer. In the event a child is reluctant and finally refuses, the parent/carer will be contacted immediately.

Our intention is that the child will never be left in soiled clothing, but as soon as the member of staff responsible for him/her is aware of the situation, she/he will clean the child. The member of staff responsible will check the child regularly and to ensure that he/she is clean before leaving to go home. The latter is because the school washing facilities are not accessible to parents.

It is intended that the child will not experience any negative disciplining, but only positive encouragement and praise for his/her endeavours to master this necessary skill. It is always our intention to avoid drawing attention to such events and positively to encourage the child in his/her efforts to gain these skills.

Parent's Consent for Intimate Care Changing

Parents / Carers should ensure that they have read and understood the school Toileting and Intimate Care Procedures.

School requires Parents / Carers to give permission for the intimate care and changing of their child (see points below) by a member of staff using our school **Parental Consent Google Form**.

- I understand that my child may require adult assistance for their personal and intimate care needs.
- I understand the importance of sharing information about my child to provide continuity of care.
- I agree that I will leave a change of clothes for my child in school (Nursery).
- I understand that my child may wear clothing provided by school and I will wash and return the items of clothing back to school.
- I understand that every effort will be made to ensure that my child is changed however sometimes this is not always possible, if the child does not notify a member of staff or a member of staff does not identify that they need changing.