



**CASTLEFORD
PARK JUNIOR ACADEMY**

Continence and Intimate Care policy

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Promoting Personal Development - Continance

Achieving continence is one of the many developmental milestones usually reached within the context of learning before a child transfers to nursery. However, we acknowledge that there may be children with longer term continence issues for whom an individual health care plan may need to be put in place. In addition, there may be children joining us in school who are at various points of developing their independence in toileting who may well need short term support in this important area of self-care.

No child with a medical need will be refused a place in school in relation to continence issues and in-house documentation for parents will openly acknowledge this.

Castleford Park Junior Academy is committed wholeheartedly to working with children, parents and any support agencies deemed necessary to ensure appropriate provision is made for all children with needs in this specific area of personal development and in so doing fulfil a commitment to the promotion of our inclusive school ethos .

We accept our responsibility to meet the needs of children with delayed personal development in the same way we aim to meet the needs of children with delayed language or any other kind of delayed development. We aim to make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of each child.

Health and Safety

In school there are designated areas providing a suitable place for the changing of children if required.

In school this is the disabled toilet area which provides additional space for attending to a child's personal needs.

This area will have appropriate resources provided if required:

Disabled Toilet and ELSA Room

1. Disposable gloves and aprons
2. Changing Mat if required
3. Wet wipes
4. Where necessary spare nappies and/or pull up
5. Nappy sacks
6. Spare underwear
7. Plastic bags for wet/soiled clothing
8. Antibacterial cleanser
9. Air Freshener

If a child accidentally wets or soils him/herself they will be attended to in the designated disabled toilet area.

Staff involved in this procedure will be expected to wear disposable gloves. Aprons provided will be considered appropriate for staff involved intimate care procedures.

Wet or soiled nappies will be double wrapped and disposed of via the normal domestic waste route.

Wet or soiled underwear/clothing will be returned to parents. Temporary storage of these will be in the designated changing area prior to the child being collected at the end of the session.

The changing area will be cleaned after use.

Hot water and liquid soap will be available to wash hands as soon as the task is complete. A hot dryer and/or paper towels will be available for drying hands.

Occasionally children may require some level of personal care from staff. This could be the result of an injury which requires the child to be supported using the toilet facilities or support with getting changed for physical activities such as PE or Forest School.

For example, a child may have a broken arm and is unable to use the toilet independently. School will endeavour to support the child where necessary so that they can attend school as normal and feel safe and comfortable using the toilet facilities. All staff will follow the safeguarding policy and will have been briefed on appropriate risk assessments created in partnership with the child's parent.

If a child has long term personal care needs due to a long-term medical condition this will be written in to relevant care plans or Educational, Health Care Plans where appropriate with full involvement from the parents and the pupil and reviewed regularly.

Child Protection

We have no anticipation that the changing of a child either in nappies or otherwise should raise any issues of child protection as all staff have been DBS checked. Therefore, it will be normal practice for only one adult to be involved in attending to a child's personal needs. The person attending to a child will always be a member of the school staff. Students on placement will not be involved in supporting children in this area of care.

At all times staff will be encouraged to remain highly vigilant for any signs or symptom of improper practice, as they do for all activities within school.

If any marks or injuries are noticed on a child during changing this should be immediately referred to the designated safeguarding leads Miss Law, Mrs Roberts, Mr Booth or Mrs Foster to follow up.

Agreeing a procedure for personal care

Parents will be kept fully informed of the procedures the school will follow should their child need changing during school time. Admission paperwork will include parental consent for children to be changed. A copy of the school policy will be made available on the school website or is available on request.

- If at all possible children should be changed standing up.
- The child's skin should be cleaned with a disposable wipe. (Flannels should not be used to clean bottoms).
- Nappy creams/lotions should be labelled with the child's name and only if prescribed for that child - they must NOT BE SHARED.
- Any creams should be used sparingly as if applied too thickly they can reduce the absorbency of the nappy.
- Disposable gloves should be worn when changing nappies. The nappy should be folded inward to cover faecal material and double-wrapped in a nappy bag. Soiled nappies should be disposed of into the pedal bin provided. The disposal bin should be lined with a disposable liner and emptied daily, replacing the used liner. These bins should be stored away from the reach of children.
- Any soiled or damp clothing should be placed in a plastic carrier bag and stored for a temporary basis in the changing area and given to parents at the end of the session.
- Once the child has been changed and removed from the changing area, the surface should be cleaned with a detergent spray or antibacterial wipes and left to dry.
- Gloves and aprons and any items used for cleaning the changing area will be disposed of in yellow bags via clinical waste.
- Hands should be thoroughly washed afterwards.

Should a child with particularly complex needs be admitted the school will work closely with the health care professionals involved in any forward planning activity.

Resources

It is appreciated that changing a child may take up to ten minutes, maybe longer in certain circumstances. In the school context changing will be undertaken by

either the class teacher, TA or a member of the inclusion team. At lunchtime this will come under the remit of trained lunchtime supervisors.

Where a child has a longer term need the school's leadership team will ensure that additional resources are allocated to that area of school to enable the children's individual needs to be met and will be outlined in any plans the child may have.

Keys to success

A successful transition to independence in this area of self-care is more likely to be achieved when we, as practitioners work closely with parents with a positive approach to supporting the child in this aspect of their development.

We will not assume that the child has failed to achieve full continence because this has not been attempted in the home. However, where this is the case we will have a positive and structured approach developed, in partnership with parents and carers, to ensure a successful outcome for a child. School will also be able to signpost parents/carers to support around continence difficulties.

If there is further concern that delayed continence may be linked with delays in other aspects of the child's development this will be sensitively discussed with parents and carers and a specifically planned programme be jointly developed and agreed with professionals.

There professionals can help with advice and support. The Family Health Visitor or appropriate nurse will have knowledge of who can be contacted to offer support and advice in this area. Health care professionals can also carry out a full health assessment in order to rule out any medical cause of continence problems.

Partnership Working

In order to achieve a clear understanding of the shared responsibilities of both parents and school it may be appropriate to set up a mutual agreement which will define each other's expectations. This kind of agreement should help to avoid misunderstandings that might otherwise arise and help parents feel confident that the school is taking a holistic view of the child's needs.

If this is deemed necessary issues discussed and agreed may cover the following areas.

The parent:

- Agreeing to ensure that the child is changed at the latest possible time before being brought to school
- Providing the school/setting with spare nappies/underwear, a change of clothing and any prescribed creams
- Understanding and agreeing the procedures that will be followed when their child is changed at school – including the use of any cleanser or the application of any prescribed cream

- Agreeing to inform the school should the child have any marks/rash
- Agreeing to a 'minimum change' policy i.e., the school would not undertake to change the child more frequently than if s/he were at home
- Agreeing to review arrangements should this be necessary

The School/setting:

- Agreeing to change the child during a single session should the child soil themselves or become uncomfortably wet
- Agreeing how often the child would be changed should the child be staying for the full day
- Agreeing to monitor the number of times the child is changed in order to identify progress made
- Agreeing to discuss any marks or rashes seen
- Agreeing to review arrangements

Monitoring and Review

Written September 2021

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Signed



Date: Sept 2021

Mrs J Roberts
DHT/SENDCO

Signed



Date: Sept 2021

Miss K Law
Headteacher

Signed



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Mrs. T Sycamore
Chair of Governors

Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
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Completed by:	
Signed Headteacher/SENCO/Teacher	Date
School Nurse/Health Visitor	Date
Parent/Carer	Date

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Procedure for Changing Children

1. Wash hands.
2. Assemble equipment including any provided by the parent (nappies, change of clothes, etc)
3. Ask child to stand on changing mat.
4. Put on gloves / apron.
5. Remove wet/soiled nappy or clothing.
6. The child's skin should be cleaned with a disposable wipe.
7. Nappies should be folded inwards on themselves and double-wrapped in a nappy bag. (Dispose of nappy/pull ups in pedal bin provided).
8. Any soiled or damp clothing should be placed in a plastic bag and stored for a temporary basis in the changing area and given to parents at the end of the session.
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