

Intimate Care Policy

'LIVE, LOVE AND LEARN IN A CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY'

At St Joseph's all children who require intimate care are treated respectfully at all times; the child's welfare and dignity are of paramount importance.

Intimate Care in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Our policy is to adopt the Intimate Care guidance as outlined by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). Please see attached current advice on 'Continence Guidance in the Early Years Foundation Stage' and 'Supporting Children who are in nappies'.

Children with Special Educational Needs

Children with special needs have the same rights to privacy and safety when receiving intimate care. Should a child with medical or special educational needs have intimate care needs, staff will seek specialist advice concerning the specific needs of that child and an intimate care plan will be drawn up for each child appropriate to their circumstances. Regardless of age and ability, the views and emotional responses of children with special needs will be actively sought when drawing up or reviewing a care plan. The school will make reasonable provision/adaptations to meet the needs of all children with intimate care needs; however, at times it may be necessary to seek direct support from parents/carers or externally from medical professionals.