



Jeavons Wood Pre-school

Policy for Intimate Care

Introduction

We are committed to ensuring that all staff will undertake any intimate care duties in a professional manner at all times. We recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect and dignity when intimate care is given.

What is Intimate Care?

Intimate care encompasses areas of personal care, such as nappy/pads changing, washing and dressing.

Our Approach to Best Practice

The setting will ensure that:

- During induction all staff are aware of the policy and procedures involving intimate care.
- All staff adhere to the setting's safeguarding and child protection policy.
- Only staff with a relevant DBS check will undertake intimate care needs.
- Suitable equipment and facilities are made available.
- Staff carrying out intimate care are appropriately supported.
- Where possible one to one care will be provided unless there is an identified need for having more adults.
- Intimate care is discussed and agreed with parents and carers.
- The needs and wishes of the child are taken into consideration.
- Nappy/pad changing is recorded including the date and time that it was carried out.

Intimate Care - Safeguarding Children

Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) safeguarding procedures will be adhered to alongside the setting's safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures.

If a member of staff has any concerns about physical or behavioral changes in a child's presentation, e.g. marks, bruises, soreness, they will immediately follow the appropriate safeguarding procedures.

In the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff the procedures for Allegations of Abuse (as per the LADO guidance and flow chart) will be followed. This flow chart is displayed in the Pre-School corridor.

Visits and Outings

The setting has procedures and plans in place for the day to day intimate care needs of children, but further consideration will be taken in good time before a trip or outing.

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