

## **Ballinacarriga N.S.**

### **Intimate Care and Toileting Policy**

#### **Children with Specific Toileting/Intimate Care Needs:**

- In all situations where a pupil needs assistance with Toileting/intimate care, a meeting will be convened, after enrolment and before the child starts school
- Parents, Guardians, Principal, Class Teacher, SNA and, if appropriate, the pupil, will attend.
- The specific care needs of the child, and how the school will meet them, will be clarified.
- Personnel involved in this care will be identified.

Provision for occasions when staffs are absent will be outlined (e.g. Substitute SNAs will not generally be involved in intimate care. Any change in personnel will be discussed with the pupil, if appropriate.

- Two members of staff will be present when dealing with intimate care needs. Any changes will be discussed with parent/guardian and pupil and noted in writing in the pupil's file.
- As far as possible the pupil will be involved in identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, changes etc.
- A written copy of the agreement will be kept on the pupil's file.
- Parents will be notified of any changes from agreed procedures.
- At all times, the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount when addressing intimate-care needs.
- Staff will wear protective gloves.

#### **Toileting Accidents:**

- At the junior infant induction meetings, the school procedures will be outlined to parents, and they will be asked to submit in writing specific wishes regarding toileting accidents.
- A supply of clean underwear, spare clothes, wipes, track-suit bottoms, etc. will be kept in the school.
- In the first instance, the pupil will be offered fresh clothing to clean and change themselves.
- Soiled clothes will be sent home in a bag.

If, for any reason, the child is unable to clean or change themselves, the procedure outlined by parents will be followed.

- If staff must clean /change the child, two members of staff, familiar to the child will attend to him/her.
- Parents will be notified of these accidents.
- Soiled clothes will be sent home in a bag.
- A record of the incident should be kept.

#### **Ratification and Review:**

This policy was ratified on \_\_\_\_\_ at the BoM meeting. It will be review during the next school year.

**Implementation:**

The policy will be implemented from Sept 2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next review: \_\_\_\_\_