



Intimate Care Policy Covid-19 Addendum September 2020

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Intimate Care Policy Addendum

The Intimate Care Policy remains relevant during this period of response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

When involved in supporting pupils with intimate care, additional care must be taken to adhere to strict and enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures.

Where a member of staff is named on an intimate care plan, the member of staff supporting the child should, wherever possible, be from the same 'bubble'.

Where social distancing cannot be maintained or where staff might come in contact with bodily fluids when providing intimate care, the member of staff will have access to appropriate PPE (face mask, visor, disposable gloves, plastic apron as appropriate) specifically identified to support the child with the intimate care plan. When using PPE staff must follow guidance on donning and doffing PPE:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877658/Quick_guide_to_donning_doffing_standard_PPE_health_and_social_care_poster_.pdf

These posters are on display around the school.

Details of which PPE to use and additional risk mitigation measures to have in place will be detailed in the child's intimate care plan (see adjusted intimate care plan template below), where appropriate. Where appropriate, additional advice will be sought from health professionals in partnership with parents/carers. The intimate care plan will be shared with appropriate staff.

Additional risk mitigation will include:

- Cleaning the area to be used for intimate care before and after use.
- Adjusting how intimate care is provided e.g. changing nappies to the side of the child rather than facing the child, so as to reduce face-to-face contact.
- Avoiding situations where the member of staff is crouched below the child; trying to maintain the height difference in how the intimate care is delivered.
- Soiled clothes will be double-bagged and sent home. Staff will not rinse it.

Where necessary, individual risk assessments will be completed in partnership with staff, parents/carers and pupils to ensure the safety of all involved.

The Gipsy Hill Federation is committed to ensuring that all pupils have access to full educational provision and will work in partnership with parents/carers to achieve this.

Members of staff will have regard for the wider school risk assessment and public health guidance at all times when working with pupils with medical conditions.



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Intimate Care Plan

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:
Year Group/Class:	School Site:
Staff to be involved (initials):	

Summary of child's individual needs:
Additional considerations linked to the risk of transmission of covid-19 (e.g. PPE requirements and how the child will be supported in understanding the need for PPE)

Where applicable identify one aspect of intimate care that could be developed in order for the child to have greater independence or responsibility in this area (*for example, letting an adult know when they need to be changed, assisting with wiping or being able to manage own personal care without incontinence pads*).

Target (where applicable):
Steps to be taken to achieve this target:

I agree to the above procedures and I authorise this care plan to be carried out in line with the Federation's Intimate Care Policy.

Signed (Class teacher) _____

Signed (SENCO/Senior Leadership team) _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____