



Gorran Primary School

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'The Perfect Start to Lifelong Learning'



Intimate Care Policy Gorran Primary School

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Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mrs J Doey

September 2021

Signed: _____

Chair of the Board of Governors

Date: _____

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Principal

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INTIMATE CARE POLICY

Intimate care may be defined as an activity required to meet the personal care needs of each individual child in partnership with the parent, carer and the child. Parents have a responsibility to advise on the intimate care needs of their child. Intimate care can include:

- washing
- dressing/undressing
- toileting
- oral care
- menstrual care
- feeding
- treatments such as enemas, suppositories, enteral feeds.
- Staff involved with children's intimate care need to be sensitive to their individual needs. Staff also need to be aware that some adults may use intimate care as an opportunity to abuse children and have to bear in mind that some care tasks/treatments can be open to misinterpretation.
- Only named staff within school should undertake the intimate care of children. The nature of the intimate care required should be clearly understood and recorded.

Named staff at Gorran –

Jennifer Doey

Clare Parkhill

Deborah Armstrong

Julie Murphy

Melanie Fitzpatrick

Hazel Morrell

Jolene Small

Emma Bellingham

- If a child appears inappropriately distressed or uncomfortable when personal care tasks are being carried out, the care tasks should stop immediately. Try to ascertain why the child is distressed, provide reassurance and report this as soon as possible to the designated teacher. It is important to follow the relevant reporting and recording procedures.
- All staff must be trained in the specific types of intimate care that they carry out, and also be familiar with, and fully understand the Intimate Care Policy within the context of their work.
- **At Gorran**, if a young child is soiled (P1-P3) the parent/carer will be informed and asked to come and attend to the child's needs. If a P4-P7 child is happy to clean and change herself/himself, he/she will be given clean clothes and asked to change in the toilet. If any child is wet, he will be given clean clothes and will change in the toilet. A young child may need staff assistance. Parent informed.