



St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School Intimate Care: Summary Sheet



3.6 First Aid and intimate care

Staff members who administer first aid should ensure wherever possible that another adult or pupil is present. The pupil's dignity must always be considered and where contact of a more intimate nature is required (e.g. assisting with toileting or the removal of wet/soiled clothing), another member of staff should be in the vicinity and must be made aware of the task being undertaken. Regular requirements of an intimate nature should be planned for. For conditions known to school, administered first aid procedures should be in line with agreed care.

3.7 Changing clothes

Young people are entitled to respect and privacy when changing clothes. However, there must be the required level of supervision to safeguard pupils with regard to health and safety considerations and to ensure that bullying or teasing does not occur. This means that adults should announce their intention of entering changing rooms, avoid remaining in changing rooms unless the pupil's needs require it, avoid any physical contact when pupils are in a state of undress and avoid any visually intrusive behaviour. Given the vulnerabilities of the situation, it is strongly recommended that when supervising pupils in a state of undress, another member of staff is present. However, this may not always be possible and therefore, staff need to be vigilant about their own conduct.

Guidelines for the removal of wet or soiled clothing

- ❖ Two adults at all times
- ❖ Gloves must be worn at all times
- ❖ Child needs to be given privacy
- ❖ Child needs to remove the soiled items of clothing and place them in a disposable bag
- ❖ Adults must direct and guide the child if they have difficulty wiping soiled area
- ❖ Clean underwear and clothes should be given to the child to put on
- ❖ In the case that a child does not want to wear the school underwear clothes, parents/carers must be called
- ❖ In the case that there is no clean underwear, parents/carers must be called
- ❖ At the end of the school day parents must be informed by the class teacher (in a discreet way) that their child has soiled their clothes

For more information please see the Intimate Care Policy.