



Croydon High School GDST Junior School Intimate Care Policy

Responsibility: Head of EYFS

Last Review: September 2023

Next Review: September 2024

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Croydon High School Safeguarding Policy, The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework and Keeping Children Safe in Education.

This policy represents the agreed principles for intimate care throughout the school. It is particularly relevant to EYFS but applies across the whole school.

Aims

To carry out intimate care in a way in which:

- ensures pupils are treated with sensitivity and respect
- ensures maximum safety and comfort
- encourages independence in personal care wherever possible

Definition

Intimate care is one of the following:

- Supporting a pupil with dressing/undressing
- Providing comfort or support for a distressed or ill pupil
- Assisting a pupil requiring medical care
- Cleaning a pupil who has vomited or had a toileting accident

Supporting Dressing/Undressing

Sometimes it will be necessary for staff to aid a pupil in getting dressed or undressed, particularly in Reception and Nursery. Staff will always encourage pupils to develop independence, for example doing a top button but asking the pupil to do the lower ones.

Providing Comfort or Support

Pupils who are upset or hurt may seek physical comfort from staff, particularly pupils in Nursery and Reception. Where pupils require physical comfort, staff are aware that this should be pupil initiated.

Sun Cream Application

Adults in school will not apply sun cream. We advise parents that this should be done before school. If a top up is required, we advise that parents provide their children with sun cream which they can apply themselves in school (a roll on is preferable).

Hygiene

If a pupil needs to be cleaned, staff will:

- Ensure changing happens in a reasonable time
- Wear gloves
- Discuss what will happen in a reassuring way
- Ensure a second adult is informed
- Encourage a pupil to carry out appropriate parts of the task independently
- Keep intimate physical contact to the minimum possible to ensure safety and comfort
- Give privacy appropriate to the pupil's age and the situation
- Ensure vomit, blood or excrement are cleaned and clothes changed if necessary
- Ensure hand washing takes place after any cleaning