

EYFS Childhood Wetting and Soiling Policy

Rationale

In line with the School's Mission Statement we aim to help students develop their gifts and talents: spiritual and social; intellectual and emotional; aesthetic and physical through the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum, which is responsive to, and supportive of, their needs and aspirations, fosters intellectual curiosity and academic achievement, and motivates them to grow to their full potential. Our Mission Statement is distilled into our Vision Statement, and our aim is to develop our children, pupils and students so that they have "Strength of Mind, Strength of Values, Strength of Purpose".

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out the procedure the Nursery and Preparatory staff will follow if a child has a toileting accident whilst in our care.

Aims

We aim to provide a happy, safe, supportive and caring environment for all the children in our care. The School recognises that toileting accidents can be common in childhood, especially in the early years, and should be treated as a normal part of child development. It is recognised that by KS1 these accidents should be rare. In our school, such accidents will be dealt with respectfully and sensitively.

Responsibilities

Any member of Nursery staff are responsible for changing children.

Members of staff will:

- Escort the child to a toilet, separate from those used by other children;
- Maintain the child's dignity and privacy and support them to understand that, 'accidents can happen' in a sensitive manner;
- Supervise and assist the child where appropriate as they clean themselves, as much as they are able to independently, and ensure that the child redresses themselves with clean underwear (provided by the school, if necessary);
- If a child is unable to clean themselves, assist them to do so. The door to the toilet will always remain unlocked;
- Wear gloves at all times;
- Ensure that the child attempts to go to the toilet before returning to class;
- Ensure the child washes their hands thoroughly;
- In the PS, return the child to their class and record the incident in the pastoral log and inform parents either verbally or via the planner that a child has had an accident at school.
- In the Nursery, return the child to their class and record the incident on a Toileting Form, which parents will be asked to sign and date to help record the incident and identify patterns in behaviour.
- Send home wet or soiled clothes.

If wetting or soiling continually occurs, the class teacher will arrange to meet with parents to discuss appropriate strategies to support the child.

Links to other policies:

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

EYFS Equal Opportunities Policy;

Health and Safety Policy

SEND Policy

Review

This was reviewed by the Head of EYFS, August 2019.