

BELLAGHY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Intimate Care Policy

In order to comply with Child Protection Procedures, we at Bellaghy Primary School exercise good practice in the toileting of children.

Every endeavour will be made to have two members of staff attending to the child but in the event of this not being possible, staff must report to another member of staff before taking a child to the toilet.

Staff will respect the child's privacy at all times and will encourage independence and good standards of hygiene.

Any concerns will be reported to the Principal.

A child's clothes will only be changed if they;

- become wet playing with water/messy play
- fall in mud or in a puddle outside
- have a toilet accident
- are physically sick

At the close of the school day, a member of staff will notify the parent in person or via a written note, as to why the child has been changed.

The school has a small selection of spare clothing, which will be used in these events, and parents are asked to return these to school promptly.

On occasion, a child may have to go home following a toilet accident. This will be at the discretion of the Principal.

If parents make the decision that they do not want their child changed by a member of staff, this request must be in writing, addressed to the Principal of the school. The written note from the parent will be kept in that individual child's file.

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