

# **Intimate Care and Toileting Policy**

## **Children with Specific Toileting/Intimate Care Needs:**

- In all situations where a pupil needs assistance with Toileting/intimate care, a meeting will be convened, after enrolment and before the child starts school
- Parents/Guardians, Class Teacher and Resource Teacher (if applicable) will attend
- The specific care needs of the child, and how the school will meet them, will be clarified
- Personnel involved in this care will be identified
- Provision for occasions when staff are absent will be outlined (e.g. Substitute SNA's will not generally be involved in intimate care. In this situation, either the school secretary or the principal will assist.
- When dealing with intimate care needs the procedure agreed with the child's parents will be followed.
- Any changes will be discussed with parent/guardian and pupil and noted in writing to the pupil's file
- A written copy of the agreement will be kept on the pupils file
- Parents will be notified of any changes from agreed procedures
- At all times the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount in addressing intimate care needs
- Staff will wear protective gloves

## **Toileting Accidents:**

- At the junior infant induction meetings, the school procedures will be outlined to parents.
- A supply of clean underwear, wipes, track-suit bottoms etc will be kept in the school
- In the first instance, the pupil will be offered fresh clothing to clean and change themselves
- If, for any reason, the child is unable to clean or change themselves, two members of staff will be present to assist the child
- If staff must clean /change the child, two members of staff, familiar to the child will attend to him/her
- Parents will be notified of these accidents

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson Board of Management

Dated: