

Intimate care and Toileting Policy

Newton British School EYFS

Aims of policy

- To safeguard the rights and promote the welfare of children
- To provide guidance and reassurance to staff
- To provide parents with information with regards to the procedures followed

Upon starting the setting, parents sign the document during entry assessments stating that *"I understand that the school encourages children to be independent including when they attend the bathroom. I accept that during Term 2 children will be allowed to attend the bathroom independently but with support from toilet attendants if required"* and *"If my child is found to be still reliant on nappies (pampers) or continues to have bathroom accidents. I will accept the advice of the teacher and keep my child at home until he/she is ready to begin school again"*

At Newton British School, we promote independence and personal hygiene throughout every day practice. As a result, we aim to encourage children to use the bathroom as independently as possible. However, we do understand that some younger children may find this difficult. As a result we will do the following;

1. Children should be "toilet trained" upon starting school. We believe that a child who is toilet trained **should not** be wearing pampers or pull ups of any kind, instead they will be wearing underwear. If a child is found to be wearing pampers regardless of the situation, parents will be telephoned to come and remove the pampers or take the child home. We do not have facilities or staffing to be changing and disposing of pampers.
2. At Newton British School, we do not expect children to be able to use the toilet in Pre-school by themselves. Teaching assistants will observe children in the bathroom and assist them in washing themselves if help is required however, the teaching assistants **will not touch the children.**
3. In the event of an accident, teaching assistants will help the children change their clothes, however again, we promote independence and will encourage and guide the children to change their clothes by themselves. If help is needed, we will assist the children.
4. If a child is consistently having accidents such as wetting or soiling himself/herself, parents may be telephoned to attend a meeting to discuss this issue. This could result in the parents being asked to keep the child at home until he/she is fully toilet trained.
5. We aim to work with parents if their child is having issues in becoming toilet trained however, parents must appreciate the fact that staff are there to teach children and not be continually changing children whom are not toilet trained.