



# BLESSINGTON EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Intimate Care and Toileting Policy

Ratified by Board of Management:		
Date:		
Signed:		
Principal	Chairperson, Board of Management	

### **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, Principal, Class Teacher and SNA 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.
- Two members of staff will be present when dealing with intimate care needs.
- Any changes will be discussed with parent/guardian and pupil and noted in writing to the pupil's file.
- As far as possible the pupil will be involved in identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, changes etc.
- 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, and they will be asked to submit in writing specific wishes regarding toileting accidents.
- 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, the procedure outlined by parents will be followed.
- 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.
- A record of the incident will be kept by the two staff members dealing with the child.