**Intimate Care Policy**

**To be be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Children Policy and Equality Policy**

Woodmancote Preschool is committed to ensuring that all staff responsible for the intimate care of children will undertake their duties in a professional manner at all times. We recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect when intimate care is given. Cultural or religious preferences information will be obtained on admission. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress or pain.

A child needing intimate care is treated with respect at all times; the child's welfare and dignity is of paramount importance.

The child will be supported to achieve the highest level of autonomy that is possible given their age and abilities. Staff will encourage each child to do as much for him/herself as he/she can.

Each child's right to privacy will be respected.

The needs and wishes of children and parents will be considered wherever possible within the constraints of staffing and equal opportunities legislation.

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If a member of staff has any concerns about physical changes in a child's presentation, e.g., marks, bruises, soreness etc. s/he will immediately report concerns to the DSL.

Parents provide nappies, disposal bags, and wipes for use with their child Parents are made aware of this responsibility..

Staff who administer first aid should ensure wherever possible that another adult or other children are present. The child’s dignity must always be considered and where contact of a more intimate nature is required (e.g., assisting with toileting or the removal of wet/soiled clothing), another member of staff should be in the vicinity and should be made aware of the task being undertaken.