



Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers

1:J Intimate Care Policy

Statement of Intent

When registering a child with Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers, the need for intimate care should be identified. Wherever possible children are encouraged to perform their own intimate care and given the necessary support and encouraged to enable them to do so.

The child's parent/carer and practitioner should meet to discuss intimate care requirements. It will be important for Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers to let the child's parent/carer know of any limitations the setting has, i.e.: there is no separate room to ensure privacy. All procedures are reviewed, checked and recorded regularly and will be changed when necessary.

All information regarding children is confidential and is kept in a locked cupboard. Intimate care will always be undertaken with tact, sensitivity and in an unhurried manner.

Communication may need consideration where:

- English is not a child's first language
- Communication difficulties in some disabled children. Remember it is a misconception that what some disabled children can express is as much as they understand. Non-verbal communication – body language, facial expressions and touch are important.
- Children have either a hearing or visual impairment.

Child protection – The Intimate Care guidelines are part of a strategy to protect children. Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers are aware of the procedures around Child Protection and have adopted a Child Protection Policy which should be read in conjunction with this policy.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers.

Held on:- 8th July 2019 Date reviewed: October 2023 To be Reviewed:- October 2024

Signed on behalf of Eldene Pre-School & Toddlers.

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