

Toileting and Intimate Care Guidelines

Rationale

At Bracken Leas we are aware that as the population of children changes, and early years settings admit children at a younger age, it is apparent that there is an increase in the numbers of children being admitted to schools not yet fully toilet trained. This may be for a variety of reasons – age, awareness, medical needs, special educational needs and/ or disabilities

This guidance has been written to ensure that all children are offered equality of opportunity within the setting and that no child be excluded from achieving their full potential in every aspect of their development.

Guidance

At Bracken Leas School staff will encourage all children to make regular visits to the toilet.

We have a range of resources available, i.e. toilet seat inserts, steps etc. to assist and encourage all children to use the facilities independently, however should any child require assistance then a member of staff will be available to offer the support necessary.

Staff will only clean and change a child with parental permission (a permission slip is given to parents of all pre-school children who attend Buzzlings and to parents new to the school in Reception classes). If a parent does not give consent, the school will contact the parents, or other emergency contact, giving specific details about the necessity for cleaning the child and request that they attend school to carry this out or give verbal permission for staff to do so. This permission will be sought on each occasion that the child soils him or herself.

If the parents or emergency contacts cannot be contacted the Head Teacher, or a senior member of staff, will be consulted and will make a decision regarding the most appropriate action.

Buzzlings

For children attending our pre-school groups some parents may feel that pull ups will assist them, and should therefore send them in these. However, it has often proved best to send children in pants (with plenty of spares in a bag) and for staff to deal with any accidents if/ as they occur. All staff are experienced in dealing with accidents and no child will ever be made to feel that it is a big issue.

Spare Clothes

We do have a small supply of spare laundered underwear and clothes available for these situations; however we do recommend that children have a set of spare clothes. If your child is provided with school clothes we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible.