

INTIMATE CARE POLICY

Rida Early Years is committed to ensuring that all staff are responsible for the intimate care of children & will undertake their duties in a professional manner always. We recognise that there is a need to treat all children with respect when intimate care is given. No child should be attended to in a way that causes distress or pain.

Children will be treated with dignity and staff must follow intimate care procedures when carrying out the following:

- Changing nappies
- Toileting
- Changing clothes
- Washing
- Handling
- Administering medication (to be carried out only by appropriately trained staff)
- Or any other intimate procedure

Where possible the child's key person will carry out intimate care procedures and ensure their care plan is adhered to.

Children's privacy will be respected throughout and independence will be encouraged; staff will offer support when this is necessary or asked for.

We will safeguard children by ensuring that all staff with an enhanced DBS check and the appropriate training will carry out intimate care procedures. Staff will not be left on their own with children for extended periods of time.