

Aston Clinton School Policy

For the Continence Needs of Children

Aston Clinton School follows the Buckinghamshire County Council Guidance on Continence for Early Years Foundation Stage providers July 2011 and the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust Guidance on Managing Continence Needs in School April 2010.

Buckinghamshire County Council Guidance on Continence for Early Years Foundation Stage states:

"There are an increasing number of children who, for a variety of reasons, are not fully continent when they are admitted to an Early Years setting. Settings have a duty under the Disability Discrimination Act/Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of each child, and children should not be excluded or treated less favourably because of their incontinence."

There are a minority of children in the school who have specific medical or psychological difficulties with toileting issues. These children have Health Care Plans written and signed by all parties involved.

From time to time our youngest children in school will have toileting accidents involving wetting or soiling themselves. As a school we will follow the Bucks guidance but this policy sets out the procedures we will follow.

Resources:

- The school will provide hypo-allergenic wet wipes, disposable gloves and bags to put wet or soiled clothes in.
- These will be kept in the disabled toilet and in the cupboard outside the year 6 classroom.
- Children will change in toilet cubicles or the disabled toilet if necessary.

Supporting children who have wet or soiled themselves:

- When it is brought to the attention of an adult that a child has wet or soiled themselves that adult will let another adult know that they are taking the child to a toilet cubicle or to the disabled toilet to assist them.
- Only one adult will be involved in assisting the child for the sake of their privacy.
- The child will be taken to a toilet cubicle and given a change of clothes, toilet paper and wet wipes.
- The adult should ensure that they are wearing gloves.
- The child will be encouraged to undress, wipe and dress themselves independently in the cubicle with an adult outside the door.
- The adult will check that the child is managing independently but will offer their help if it becomes apparent that the child needs help.
- If the child needs assistance the adult may wipe all visible areas and encourage the child to wipe their own intimate parts.
- The adult will reassure the child and explain what they are doing to the child at all times.
- The wet or soiled clothes will be placed in a plastic bag and taken to pass on to the parents at the end of the day. Parents will be made aware of the toileting accident.

- The child will be encouraged to wash and dry their own hands.
- Disposable gloves will be turned inside out, bagged in a nappy sack and disposed of in the normal bin.
- Only flushable wipes will be put into the toilet. Other wipes will be put into the nappy sack with the gloves and disposed of in the bin.
- Changes of clothes (if not provided by the parents) will be kept available in the Infant class quiet rooms and for the juniors in the year3/4 quiet room.
- If a child is uncomfortable about being helped by an adult at school, is unable to clean themselves and refuses the support then parents will be contacted to advise us on what they would like us to do or to collect their child.
- Children on Health Care Plans will only be changed by the adults named on their plan.
- Other children should ideally be changed by adults they know, their own class or year group teacher or a teaching Assistant linked to their class/ year group. When this is not possible, any Teacher or Teaching Assistant can support a child who needs help following the guidance outlined in the policy.
- At lunchtimes, Midday Supervisors are unable to leave their posts and will send a child in for help. The appropriate staff will be contacted to help a child they are familiar with.

School trips:

- The adult member responsible for the group that the child is in on that day will deal with the child's needs using the toilet facilities available and following the guidance set out in this policy.
- A parent volunteer with a group will not be asked to support a child's toileting needs.

Parents will be asked to sign the policy to show that they agree to these procedures being used with their child in school.

If parents are not happy to sign the policy they will be asked to collect their child or come into school to change their child.

-----✂-----

I have read the Aston Clinton School Policy for the Continence Needs of Children and:

I agree to the procedures outlined to be used with my child in school

or

I do not agree to the procedures outlined to be used with my child in school and understand that if my child wets or soils him/herself I will be asked to collect my child or come into school to change him/her.

Signed: Date:.....

Parent/Carer of: Class:.....