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Bishop Challoner School



EYFS Personal Care



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EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE PERSONAL CARE

Toileting Policy for 3-5 Year Olds

Purpose:

This policy outlines our expectations and support regarding toileting for children aged 3-5 years attending our school. It ensures a positive, safe, and hygienic environment for all children and staff.

Policy Statement:

All children aged 3-5 years must be toilet trained before starting at our school. This requirement supports the child's independence and readiness for the school environment. However, we acknowledge that young children may occasionally have accidents, and we are committed to handling these situations with care and understanding.

Expectations:

1. Toilet Training:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child is fully toilet trained prior to enrolment.

- **Children should be able to:**
 - Recognise when they need to use the toilet.
 - Communicate their needs to staff.
 - Manage basic toileting tasks independently, including pulling down/up clothing and wiping.

2. Accidents:

- Occasional accidents do happen and will be managed sensitively and discreetly by staff.
- Parents are notified of toilet accidents via the Tapestry app or whichever means is easier at the time.
- Parents/Carers should provide a complete set of labelled spare clothes with a named bag in case of accidents and left on the child's peg.
- If accidents are frequent or ongoing, parents/guardians may be asked to revisit toilet training at home to support their child's readiness for school. Furthermore, session times may be amended if required, as discussed with the parents.

3. Support and Assistance:

- Staff will provide guidance and encouragement to promote independence in toileting.

- Limited assistance will be offered as needed, respecting the child's privacy and promoting hygiene.
- If a child has a medical condition or developmental delay impacting their ability to be toilet trained, parents/Carers must discuss this with the school prior to enrolment to develop an individualised support plan.

4. Hygiene Practices:

- The school maintains strict hygiene protocols to ensure a clean and safe toileting environment.
- Children will be taught and encouraged to wash their hands after using the toilet.
- Staff will sanitise the toileting area as needed.

5. Ongoing Communication:

- Parents/Carers are encouraged to inform the school of any toileting challenges or changes in their child's routine.
- Staff will communicate with parents/carers if toileting concerns arise during school hours either on Tapestry, email or telephone. Face to face meetings can also take place if easier for staff at pick up times.

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure it meets the developmental and operational needs of the school community.

By working together, we aim to foster independence and confidence in toileting while providing a supportive learning environment for every child.

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