

**COVID-19 Addendum**

**Covid-19 Arrangements for Intimate Care**

Holy Cross Nursery School has an effective Intimate Care Policy in place reflecting guidance that supports our procedures in place. Following the Government’s decision for some pupils to return to school from the 1st June 2020, the following amendments to the existing intimate Care Policy will be followed.

This COVID-19 addendum reflects how we have adapted our provision to meet the current circumstances.

Definition of Intimate Care:

‘Intimate care may be defined as an activity required to meet the personal care needs of each individual child in partnership with the parent, carer and the child.’ (2.0, ACPC Regional Policy and Procedures)

Social Distancing and Intimate Care

* Any member of staff engaging in intimate care with some pupils must wear PPE provided, disposable apron, rubber gloves, face mask, visor.
* Staff will refer to the guidance for how to safely put on (donning) and take off (doffing) PPE which has been watched in nursery and can be found here: https//www.eani.org.uk/services/eatv/principal-videos/how-to-don-ppe
* If a member of staff has been identified as vulnerable and instructed to not provide personal/intimate care as a result of their risk assessment, they must not engage in an activity that would pose a threat. This includes nose-wiping, toileting, attending to nose bleeds etc.
* If a second member of staff is required, the second member of staff will then attend whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines.
* Soiled clothes should be double bagged and kept in a safe area at least 2m away from staff and pupils, clothes will not be rinsed out.
* Wherever possible, the child will be encouraged to fulfil their own intimate care needs independently, under the direction of staff.
* In the event of a child requiring a more thorough wash than school can provide, the parent/carer will be called and asked to take their child home. The Principal will make the decision whether it is appropriate for this line of action to be taken.
* Similarly, if a child does not want staff to support them in the changing process, then the parent/carer will be contacted immediately.
* Parents will agree to guidelines set down within the Covid Addendum

**Review**

This addendum will be reviewed on an ongoing basis according to changes in guidance from the relevant authorities.