

# Voyage @ Flash Ley

## PERSONAL AND INTIMATE CARE POLICY

We believe that the intimate care of babies and children cannot be separated from other aspects of their learning and development. We do not discriminate against children who have reached a stage where they can manage their own personal hygiene and, as such, we provide appropriate support for each child on an individual basis.

### INTIMATE CARE

Intimate care can be identified as care tasks of an intimate nature, associated with bodily functions, bodily products, and personal hygiene, which demand direct, or indirect, contact with, or exposure of, the sexual parts of the body.

### PERSONAL CARE

Personal care, generally, carries more positive perceptions than intimate care. Although it may, often, involve touching another person, the nature of this touching is more socially acceptable, as it is less intimate, and usually has a function of helping with personal presentation and, hence, is regarded as social functioning.

### AIM

- To safeguard the rights and promote the welfare of all children.
- To give guidance, and reassurance, to staff who provide intimate care.
- To assure parents and carers that staff are knowledgeable about personal care.

### OBJECTIVES

- Babies and children may require help with eating, drinking, washing, dressing, or toileting.
- We work with parents and children to establish a preferred procedure for children's personal and intimate care.
- Children are asked, by staff, for permission to assist them, and children who want to perform their own care are encouraged to do so with adult support, when appropriate.
- Babies and children will be cared for with dignity, safety, and respect for their privacy. Older children will be changed on the floor, to ensure their safety
- It may be necessary that for individual cases of intimate care, the child's parents/carers and/or medical professionals will be asked to offer specialist knowledge, training, or advice, if the extent of care required, or issues involved, are beyond general experience.

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