

# Rathbeggan NS Intimate Care and Toileting Policy



## **Children with Specific Toileting/Intimate Care Needs:**

- In all situations where a pupil needs assistance with Toileting/intimate care, a meeting will be convened, after enrolment and before the child starts school
- Parents, Guardians, Principal, Class Teacher, SNA and pupil (if appropriate) will attend
- The specific care needs of the child, and how/if the school will/can meet them, will be clarified
- Personnel involved in this care will be identified (in some cases the parents' involvement may be required)
- Provision for occasions when staff are absent will be outlined (e.g. Substitute SNAs will not generally be involved in intimate care.) Any change of personnel will be discussed with the pupil, if appropriate
- Two members of staff will be present when dealing with intimate care needs
- Any changes will be discussed with parent/guardian
- As far as possible the pupil will be involved in identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, changes etc
- A written copy of the agreement will be kept on the pupils file
- At all times the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount in addressing intimate care needs
- Staff will wear protective gloves

## **Toileting Accidents:**

- A supply of clean underwear, wipes, track-suit bottoms etc will be kept in the school
- In the first instance, the pupil will be offered fresh clothing to clean and change themselves
- If, for any reason, the child is unable to clean or change themselves parents' will be contacted.
- If staff help to clean /change the child, two members of staff, familiar to the child will attend to him/her
- Parents will be notified of these accidents

This policy will be reviewed as necessary.