

# Maple Grove Community Group

## Safeguarding Children - Intimate Care Policy

While children are encouraged to develop the skills they need to be independent in their personal hygiene children will occasionally have 'Little Accidents' it is essential that children are handled sensitively and with dignity.

- Our staff are all **DBS** checked and cleared by OFSTED. All character references are followed up some of which must be previous employers. Staff are trained in Child Protection issues and are fully aware how to care for children's intimate needs quickly and efficiently.

If a child needs help with personal hygiene:

- The child is never led to feel 'guilty' or 'naughty' for soiling or wetting.
- The adult will ensure that other staff are aware she will be 'Out of action' for a short while because of aiding a soiled child.
- All members of staff will take turns in helping children who have soiled or wet. This avoids any one adult being over exposed to perpetual intimate care procedures.
- Staff will always leave the toilet door a jar when alone with a child.
- The child will be treated with care and dignity at all times.

### Wetting/Soiling

- Childs wet/soiled clothes will be removed.
- The child will be encouraged to wipe around their own intimate parts of their body with a baby wet wipe where possible.
- For less capable children and soiling accidents, adults will clean the soiled area.
- Soiled clothes will be removed and any waste disposed of in the toilet by an adult.
- Children will be provided with clean, fresh laundered clothes, if they haven't brought any from home.
- Wet/soiled clothes will then be placed in a plastic bag and left in a lidded bin for parent collection.

This policy was adopted at a meeting dated.....

Signed and behalf of the group.....