

ACTIVITY CAMPS



Intimate Care & Toileting Policy

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Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure they remain correct and are fit for purpose. However, the policy may be reviewed and updated at any time to reflect any changes made by Le Mourier or the regulatory authorities or government legislation

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Policy

Le Mourier is aware that all children need open access to clean, well-stocked and safe toileting provision and that some children may require assistance from members of staff for personal care, including toileting, either due to the age and developmental level, or because of disability or medical need. The main aim is to ensure that children attending the camps are safe, secure, and protected from harm. Le Mourier also recognises that not only is it in the best interests of the whole camp community to maintain clean, hygienic toilet facilities, but that it is everyone's responsibility to help ensure that they remain this way.

Staff Responsibility

Staff will ensure the safety and dignity of all children when using the toilet and for those who need support with personal care, including toileting and continence management as well as general dressing after swimming.

Staff will communicate carefully with the children, using their usual communication method, to discuss their needs and preferences. Wherever possible the children's wishes and preferences will be considered.

We will consider the religious views, beliefs and cultural values of the child and their family, as well as the child's gender identification and individual physical needs (e.g. periods, catheterisation, stoma care etc) as far as possible in provision of appropriate toileting and changing facilities and when undertaking or supporting required individual personal care.

We will work with all children to promote positive self-esteem and body image and independence with self-care as far as is appropriate and practical.

We will ensure that all staff are aware of the need for confidentiality. Personal and sensitive information will only be shared with those who need to know.

We will act according to our safeguarding policy if there are any concerns for the child's wellbeing.

Parent/carer responsibilities

Parents/carers must ensure that they provide all relevant information to us as soon as possible, so that the needs of their child can be met. This includes the nature of their child's needs, details of any healthcare professionals involved including specialist nurses, as well as any changes in their medication, care, or condition.

Parents/carers must ensure that they work towards their child achieving the maximum possible level of independence at home.

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Child's responsibilities

- To respect the toileting space and others use of that space and right to privacy.
- To let staff know if there is a problem with respect to the toileting/intimate care spaces.
- To be as involved as possible in their intimate care and with their care plan.
- To let staff know when they are aware that they need assistance.
- To let their parent/carer or a trusted member of staff know if they have any concerns or feel uncomfortable at any time.

Principles

Le Mourier respects your children and encourages them to achieve their potential. This includes encouraging them to be as independent as they are able with their personal care. We will ensure that our learners are:

- Treated as individuals.
- That their right to safety, dignity and privacy is respected.
- Involved with and consulted about upkeep of the toilet facilities and about their personal care as far as they are able.
- Provided with consistency of care as far as possible.

