



**Whittingham**

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Intimate Care Policy  
2026-7**



## Whittingham School Vision

As a school, we take inspiration from the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). In this story, the Samaritan was **kind** by going the extra mile so that all the injured man's needs were met. He was **collaborative** to make sure the man received the best care from him and others. Finally, he was **courageous** in helping someone who was different to him. These three values are at the heart of the community we seek to be at Whittingham School.

Through our daily worship, we acknowledge the presence of God in our lives.  
Through our learning environment, we provide space for everyone to flourish.  
Through our broad and balanced curriculum, we aspire for each child to be the very best they can be.

At Whittingham, we are:

**Kind**



Caring for everyone's safety, happiness and well-being by treating others how we'd like to be treated ourselves.

**Collaborative**



Providing opportunities for all to be involved in the daily life of school; preparing learners to be active in the wider world and fostering a supportive relationship between school, home and church.

**Courageous**



Celebrating what makes each of us unique and special; equipping us to make healthy choices in all areas of our life; and empowering us to step out for justice.

## Whittingham C of E Primary School Intimate Care Policy

### Introduction

At Whittingham C of E Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that all children are treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity at all times. This policy outlines the procedures for providing intimate care to pupils aged 2–11 years, ensuring their welfare, safeguarding, and personal needs are met appropriately.

### Definition of Intimate Care

Intimate care refers to any care that involves supporting a child with personal hygiene or bodily functions. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Nappy changing and toileting support
- Assisting with dressing and undressing
- Providing first aid where close physical contact is required
- Supporting children following accidents or illness

All intimate care will be carried out in a manner that respects the child's privacy, dignity, and independence, encouraging them to do as much for themselves as possible.

### **Nappy Changing and Toileting**

The school recognises that some children may still require nappies or pull-ups. A designated nappy changing area is available within the disabled toilet to ensure appropriate hygiene and privacy.

Where possible, a second member of staff should be informed when intimate care is taking place for safeguarding purposes. However, staff will always prioritise the dignity and comfort of the child, and in some circumstances may decide to change a child discreetly within the classroom if this is in the child's best interests.

A written log must be completed each time a child's nappy or pull-up is changed. This ensures transparency, consistency, and safeguarding compliance.

### **Provision of Supplies**

Parents and carers are responsible for providing all necessary supplies for children who require nappies or pull-ups. This includes:

- Nappies or pull-ups (sufficient for the day)
- Wipes
- Nappy disposal bags

These must be brought into school on a daily basis.

### **Safeguarding and Staffing**

All staff involved in intimate care will follow safeguarding procedures and maintain professional boundaries at all times. The presence or awareness of a second adult helps ensure accountability and protects both the child and staff member.

### **Compliance**

This policy is in line with current statutory guidance, including:

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework (September 2025)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) (September 2025)

Staff will be trained and supported to ensure these standards are upheld consistently.

### **Communication with Parents and Carers**

This policy will be available on the school website and will be shared with all families via email whenever updates are made.

If any parent or carer does not wish for intimate care to be carried out for their child, they must contact the school directly. In such cases, alternative arrangements will be discussed and agreed to ensure the child's needs are still appropriately met.

### **Conclusion**

Whittingham C of E Primary School is committed to providing safe, respectful, and appropriate intimate care for all pupils. We aim to work closely with families to ensure each child's needs are understood and met with sensitivity and professionalism.

This policy is reviewed annually and was last reviewed 21.4.26