Childhood Wetting and Soiling Policy

Rationale

The purpose of this document is to set out the procedure the Nursery School and Preparatory School staff will follow if a child has a toileting accident whilst in our care.

Aims

We aim to provide a happy, safe, supportive and caring environment for all the children in our care. The School recognises that toileting accidents can be common in childhood, especially in the early years, and should be treated as a normal part of child development. It is recognised that by KS1 these accidents should be rare. In our school, such accidents will be dealt with respectfully and sensitively.

Responsibilities

At Ratcliffe College in the Nursery, only a member of staff with the appropriate Early Years qualification (NVQ 3 or above) will be responsible for changing children.

Designated members of staff will:

- Escort the child to a toilet, separate from those used by other children;
- Maintain the child’s dignity and privacy and support them to understand that, ‘accidents can happen’ in a sensitive manner;
- Supervise and assist the child where appropriate as they clean themselves, as much as they are able to independently, and ensure that the child redresses themselves with clean underwear (provided by the school, if necessary);
- If a child is unable to clean themselves, assist them to do so. The door to the toilet will always remain unlocked;
- Wear gloves at all times;
- Ensure that the child attempts to go to the toilet before returning to class;
- Ensure the child washes their hands thoroughly;
- Return the child to their class and record the incident in the pastoral log (for Prep School);
- Inform parents either verbally or via the planner that a child has had an accident at school;
- Send home wet or soiled clothes.

If wetting or soiling occurs frequently, the class teacher will arrange to meet with parents to discuss appropriate strategies to support the child.

Written in conjunction with the following policies;
Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
Early Years Policy
Equal Opportunities Policy;
Health and Safety Policy
SEN Policy

Review
This policy will be reviewed annually by the Deputy Head of the Preparatory School and The Head of the Nursery. This policy was last reviewed September 2014