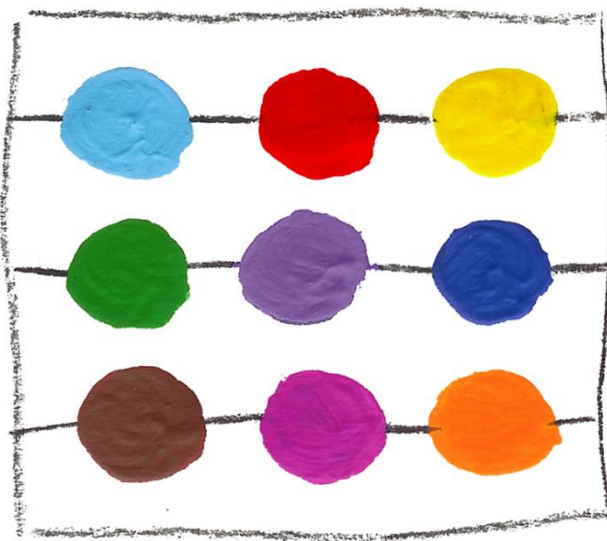


# Toileting/ Intimate Care Procedure



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## **Toileting/Intimate Care**

### *Children with specific toileting/intimate care needs*

Normally a child who has specific toileting needs will have a special needs assistant assigned to him/her.

If possible, before the child begins in the school, a meeting is held at which school personnel involved with the child attend along with the child's parents/guardians.

At that meeting the needs of the child should be addressed and agreement reached as to how the school can meet those needs. It is important that those involved with the intimate care of the child agree practices which are acceptable to the staff, the child and the parents. Practices agreed should be sufficiently flexible to cover unforeseen situations, e.g. if personnel involved in assisting the child are absent.

The Board of Management should be made aware of practices agreed.

### *Toileting 'Accidents'*

Toileting accidents are not uncommon, particularly at junior level, and it is therefore prudent that schools address how these situations will be dealt with in the school.

Parents are called to inform them. They are invited to come to change their child.

Parents may not be in a position to come to the school immediately should their child have a toileting accident. Clothes from the spare clothes box will be given to the child. If a child is able to, the child will change themselves in the bathroom. If a child needs assistance, one adult will help the child to change. Another adult will accompany the assisting adult in witnessing the support given.

At all times, it is important for adults to be cognisant of maintaining the dignity of the child and procedures should have due regard to minimising upset to the child.

A note should be kept of such incidents and parents should be informed.