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Toileting Policy









Date of last review: Sep 2026

Date of next review: Sep 2027

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Introduction

At Dene House Primary School, we aim to support all pupils in achieving continence as part of their development and self-care skills. We recognise that toileting is an important life skill and work in partnership with parents to ensure a consistent approach. This policy outlines our procedures for toileting and continence management.

Rationale

- Achieving continence is a developmental milestone usually reached between ages 2-4
- Some children may not achieve this due to medical conditions, disabilities, or developmental delays
- Schools have a duty to meet the needs of pupils with delayed personal development, including continence
- Delayed continence alone is not a reason to deny or delay admission to school
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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

- Children in EYFS must be seen and heard at all times when toileting for safeguarding
- We expect the vast majority of children to be fully toilet trained on entry to our school
- If a child is not fully toilet trained, an intimate care plan will be put in place with parents
- Changing areas are warm and safe, with appropriate resources like steps, changing mats, gloves, wipes, nappies, spare clothes

Pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2

- Pupils are expected to use toilets during breaks but will never be refused access if needed
- However, they may be asked if they can wait until an appropriate time to avoid disrupting learning
- Pupils with medical conditions requiring extra toilet breaks will be accommodated
- An intimate care plan will be implemented if needed
- If a pupil appears to be abusing this policy, a meeting will be held with parents to discuss concerns
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Procedures

- Staff assisting with toileting will follow health and safety procedures including using gloves
- Soiled clothes will be bagged and sent home - school will not wash these
- Hot water, soap, paper towels will always be available
- Toilets will be regularly cleaned and checked throughout the day
- Pupils will be encouraged to be as independent as possible in managing their toileting needs

Inclusion

Dene House Primary School is an inclusive school. Pupils will not be denied admission or excluded from activities solely based on continence needs. We will work in partnership with families to put in place care plans to ensure the needs of all children are met and they are not unduly disadvantaged compared to peers.

Review/Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually. Intimate care plans will be monitored and reviewed termly in partnership with parents.