

# WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## Intimacy Policy

### Policy statement

All children in our care are entitled to their privacy and this fact is appreciated and respected by all members of staff.

However, in certain cases some children in our care are unable to attend their personal toiletry needs on their own. In some cases children request assistance from members of staff.

To ignore such requests could lead to discomfort for the child and for us to be failing in our duty of care to the child. Therefore, when requests such as these are made the member of staff who has been asked for assistance should accompany the child to the toilet to provide the required assistance. However, before leaving the class room the teacher should notify another member of staff of their proposed actions.

They should also report their return to the classroom to another member of staff as this will ensure that they cannot be accused of spending too long, or making repeated visits to the toilet area and hence protect them from any allegations of inappropriate behaviour.

This policy has been devised and written in consultation with the Child Protection advisers.

(A signed policy is available upon request)

This policy was adopted on dated: **01.03.2016**

Signed (Principal):

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Signed (Senior member of school staff):

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Signed (Parent Representative):

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Date signed: 1/5/17

Date to be Reviewed: **01.05.2018**