# WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## Intimacy Policy

All children in our care are entitled to their privacy and this fact is appreciated and respected by all members of staff. There are also signs on the toilet cubicle doors to alert children and staff when a toilet is being used and to respect the privacy of the child using the toilet.

However, in certain cases some children in our care are unable to attend to their personal toileting 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 classroom 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 themselves from any allegations of inappropriate behaviour.

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

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