

## **Evansville Christian School**

### **Student Independence in Restroom Policy**

It is our policy that all students are independent in the restroom. This requires the ability to communicate, have muscle awareness, hand-eye coordination, and gross motor skills. All are readiness skills necessary for learning within the classroom.

A child who is independent in the restroom is able to:

1. TELL the adult BEFORE they need to go. They must be able to say the words, "I need to go to the bathroom (potty).
2. Pull down their clothing and get them back on without assistance.
3. Get on and off the toilet.
4. Wipe themselves after using the toilet.
5. Wash and dry hands.
6. Wait if the restroom is occupied or the class is not near the restroom.

Teachers and staff continually remind children to use the restroom throughout the day and offers frequent restroom breaks; including prior to naptime and if they wake up during naptime (Pre-School). With experience comes confidence and consistency. Accidents will occur with our young learners. A child may be more easily distracted at school by activities and friends. Because of this, parents of students in Pre-School through Kindergarten are to provide a change of clothes and shoes in a zip lock bag for their child. The child's name should be written clearly on the outside of the bag and stored in their backpack. It's advised to choose clothing in which your child can easily dress and undress himself/herself.

In the case of an accident, the restroom door shall remain ajar as a staff member coaches the child in cleaning and changing their clothing. They will offer wet wipes if necessary. Items are to be disposed of properly (refer to universal precautions). Soiled garments will be placed in a sealed bag to go home the same day. If a Pre-School student needs additional assistance, a witness shall be present and gloves worn as the staff member aids in the process. In some cases parents may be called for assistance. Parents will be notified. The incident should be documented in FACTS under Medical Event.

Parents should inform their child's teacher or health coordinator of any new medications being given which may cause an increase in urgency or loose stools. As a reminder, students should not attend school if they have three or more episodes of loose stools in a 24-hour period. For further information regarding medical issues, please refer to the ECS Family Handbook.

If a child has repeated accidents, they are not considered to be independent in the restroom. With respect to ECS's role as an educational ministry and in consideration of other students and staff, the student may be subject to withdrawal from the program.