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Children's Clothing & Possessions Policy	24/2/22
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Policy Statement	
This policy outlines the ways in which families and the nursery work together to ensure the absolute comfort and well-being of all children.	
Aims and Purpose	
We have a sustainable ethos and with that comes a little bit of commitment from our families. For example, babies do not wear disposable nappies during their time with us, we don't have 'conventional toys' and we mainly engage in outdoor play. Below is clear guidance for parents to assist us in upholding our beliefs and to ensure a smooth running of their child's nursery day.	
Applicability	
Children Staff Families	
Definition of Terms	
n/a	
Overview	
Nappies & Washbags Water Bottles Clothing Sun-Safety Jewellery Toys & Comfort Items Lost Property	
Procedures	
Nappies & Washbags (see Re-Usable Nappy Policy and Sustainability Policy). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ensure your child comes to us in a clean nappy. If you use disposable nappies, we will change your child into a nursery re-usable nappy at the start of the session o Nappies are changed when they are noticed to be soiled or wet. Nappies are routinely changed at 9:30, 11:30, 2:30 and 4:30 if your child is still with us. 	

- o Ensure you have two washable, waterproof washbags inside your bag. One for wet or dirty clothes and one for home nappies to be disposed of at home.

Water Bottles

- Please supply a named stainless-steel or silicone bottle for water consumption. We make sure water is accessible at ALL times during the day for the children.
- The water bottle will be steam cleaned daily at the nursery, and staff will communicate with parents when their water bottle needs replacing with a new one

Clothing

- o Ensure your child's clothes and possessions are named. If items are not named, the nursery cannot accept responsibility for their loss.
- o Ensure your children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather that day.
- o Ensure you provide enough clothes for cold, wet weather. Children will get wet outside, maybe a few times a day and need to have warm clothes to change into. They will need a named woolly hat, gloves and scarf during the winter months, hats and gloves must be kept in the hat and gloves box in each room.
- o Ensure your child has outdoor comfy and hardwearing shoes and welly boots. These will go home at the end of each day.
- o Ensure that your children are dressed in clothing that you do not mind getting dirty and sometimes stained.
- o Ensure your child has sufficient named spare items of clothing every time they come in. Plenty of socks are essential
- o Ensure you wash and bring back any clothes that you may have borrowed from the nursery's spare supply if we have used any for your child
- o Ensure that all loose parts of clothing such as zips, clasps, buckles, buttons, and poppers are checked to be safe and secure before entering the nursery. This is to ensure that any loose parts don't fall off during the day and become a choking hazard to those who find them.
- o We ensure children's comfort is paramount. There may be times in the day when staff may feel it best to remove items (tops and/or trousers, socks etc.) of clothing for children's health, comfort, and/or engagement. Examples of these are:
 - Sleep time – Hot days and/or warm rooms (we have fans for when it is very warm) where children are uncomfortable and find it difficult to get to sleep
 - High temperature – To bring temperatures down, particularly very high fevers
 - Activities – sensory play for the babies, 'water play' in summertime, etc.
 - If they discover any loose adjustments such as zips, buttons, poppers etc.
- o We ensure children are appropriately dressed for photos and videos. ensure that children's safety is paramount, and risks are minimized as much as possible:
 - No children will appear in photos partially dressed* in the background of photos or videos. These photos will be deleted.
 - No photos/videos will be taken of children partially dressed during activities without consent from parents via the Permissions form.

- ☞ If consent is given, photos of children partially dressed will not be featured in any public venue i.e. weekly blog/advertisements etc. and will be solely for the purpose of sharing moments with the child's parents via Family
- *Partially dressed to mean the child is in trousers with no top, top with no trousers (nappy showing), or only nappies. All-in-ones/vests will be viewed as dressed.

Sun-Safety

(see Sun-Safety Policy)

- ⦿ We ask you to apply the all-day sun cream in the morning. If you prefer to use another type, please bring some to nursery and give to your child's key person, who will do a medicine form (see Medication Policy).
- ⦿ Ensure that their child has a named sunhat in the summer months and that they wear loose fitting, preferably long sleeved and legged clothing. The sunhat should ideally be of legionnaires design i.e. with flaps that cover the ears and neck.
- ⦿ We supply Alturist suncream and put this on the children after lunch when necessary.

Jewellery

Jewellery must be safe and minimal. We discourage jewellery on the children as they pose potential health and safety risks

Toys & Comfort Items

- ↔ Ensure dummies have caps to protect from cross-contamination and bacteria build up when not in use. Dummies will be kept separate from other children's and provided during agreed upon times i.e. sleep time. Generally, staff will discourage the use of dummies throughout the day, particularly as children begin to vocalize, as they hinder communication and engagement.
- ↔ Ensure that children don't bring in toys from home. If this is too upsetting for a child at drop-off time, we will gently encourage them to put the object in their bag when they are feeling ready.
- ↔ Ensure that children's comfort items are named. Children are welcome to bring comfort items, and these can be used throughout the day. Staff will work with children to limit how often comfort items are needed to enhance their engagement and build upon their self-awareness and self-esteem.

Lost property

There is a lost property box in each pod. Any items which aren't claimed within a month will get moved to the outside lost property area, on the drive. Parents are encouraged to look through the boxes for their child's pod regularly. The boxes are taken in at night and back out again in the morning. After another month, any items remaining in the box will be sent to charity or recycled.

External Links and Organisations

n/a

Relevant Policies and Documents

Re-Usable Nappy Policy
Medication Policy
Parent/Carer's Code of Conduct
Sustainability Policy
Sun-Safety Policy

Authorisation

Signature:



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