



General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare
The provider must take necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Safeguarding children
Working with Babies 0-2 years

Policy Statement

At Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool our practitioners ensure that they provide a stimulating environment for babies under 1 year. An environment supported by resources where all babies can develop to their full potential and learn effectively and safely through play.

Procedures

- Practitioners caring for babies are qualified to do so- that the lead practitioner has at least two years experience of working with 0-2 yr olds and have attended courses based on this age group.
 - Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool operates a key person system to minimise the number of carers for each child.
 - Individual care plans are written with parents/carers on a regular basis to ensure that all the child's needs are met.
- Practitioners write communication books for each child during their session to provide parents/carers with information on:
 - Food and drinks
 - Nappy changes
 - Sleep times
 - Individual achievements
 - Shared experiences
- Feeding and changing babies is done so in accordance with their individual needs and the wishes of their parents and carers.
- Parents/carers are asked to provide empty sterilised bottles with a separate sealed container with a measured amount of powdered formula. Bottles and containers are clearly labelled with the child's name on and the amount of formula provided. Practitioners will make bottles fresh when baby requires it inline with their individual care plan.
- Breast feeding is encouraged and supported. Suitable facilities are always provided.

- All equipment used for feeding plus comforters are sterilised for at least 6mths. Bottles and teats used for milk feeding will continue to be sterilised for 1yr.
 - Water is available for babies at all times
 - An area is available for the hygienic preparation of milk feeds.
 - There are suitable facilities for babies to sleep and rest.
- Nappy changing areas are available which conform to environmental health standards with regards to the safety of babies and children. Gloves and aprons must be worn when changing nappies and equipment cleaned with multi surface cleaner between each use. Nappies should be disposed of in line with health and safety procedures.
- Appropriate equipment should be used to the age and stage of the individual child's development.

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