

baby policy

Breast fed babies must have been introduced to either a teat or a cup, depending upon the stage of development, so that they can be offered water if thirsty or expressed milk if hungry.

Mothers are welcome to visit or breast-feed their babies at any time.

Bottle feeding: Bottles with sterilised water to be brought in. Milk powder should be in a separate container. This will be added to the water as the baby requires a feed.

Parents/carers must provide all of their child's personal hygiene requirements.

Babies are expected to have been given breakfast before Nursery. Please inform a member of staff if they haven't had breakfast.

Parents must inform staff of any medication given to their child before coming to Nursery.

Although the Nursery will support parents/carers with their child's daily routine, it is the policy of the Nursery that if a child is tired they must be allowed to sleep. It can be seen as neglect if the Nursery fails to meet your child's needs. Babies are not left in cots for long periods of time; sleeping babies are monitored every 10 minutes.

It is not good practice to allow a baby to cry for a length of time. Recent scientific findings claim that allowing young children to cry for prolonged periods can damage the developing brain. Therefore for the wellbeing of the child, the Nursery reserves the right to ask the parent/carer to return to the Nursery of any child who appears distressed.

Children must be excluded from Nursery for 24 hours after receiving an injection.

Feeding time is valued as an important time for staff to bond and interact with their key children. Babies are fed individually.

The Nursery requests that one year old children are given finger food (yoghurt is fine) for lunch. For safety reasons, please can you cut grapes in half. Please see the notice board or discuss with your Key Person recommendations for a healthy finger food lunch.

The Nursery will not knowingly accept an unwell child into the setting.

Where possible, to ensure continuity of care and build attachments, the Key Persons will see to the personal needs of their key child.

The Nursery requests that young children under the age of one do not wear unnecessary head bands, or hair slides.