



Caring for Babies and Toddlers

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Little Learner's Nursery Group care for children under the age of two and ensure their health, safety and well-being through the following:

- Children under the age of two have a separate base room and are cared for in small intimate groups. We ensure that younger children have the opportunities to have contact with older children whilst at nursery.
- At least half of the team caring for children under the age of two have undertaken specific training for working with babies.
- Care is taken to ensure that babies and toddlers do not have access to activities containing small pieces, which may be swallowed or otherwise injure the child.
- The environment and equipment are checked daily before the children access the area.
- All doors are fitted with viewing panels and door finger guards to ensure the safety of children.
- Outdoor shoes are removed or covered when entering the baby room. Staff will remind parents and visitors of this procedure.
- Babies and toddlers have their nappies changed according to their individual needs and requirements by their key person wherever possible.
- Changing mats are wiped with anti-bacterial cleaner after every use.
- Nursery provides bedding for the children to sleep on. The children have their own individual sheet and blanket. These are washed at least weekly, but more if necessary.
- We follow any cot death prevention/safety guidelines and advise parents of this information. Parent preference for sleep positions will be followed and children will be encouraged to sleep on their back.
- All feeding chairs are fitted with restraints in the baby room.
- No child is ever left unattended at nappy time.
- Staff do not change nappies whilst pregnant until a risk assessment has been discussed and conducted. Students only change nappies under the close supervision of a qualified member of staff.
- Where food/milk is prepared for babies and toddlers there is a separate area within the kitchen which is especially designated for preparation.
- Bottles of formula are only made up as and when needed.
- Bottles and teats are rinsed out here at the nursery, but sent home at the end of each day to be cleaned correctly by parents.
- A designated area is available for mothers who wish to breastfeed their children or express milk.
- Labelled mothers milk will be stored in the fridge.
- If dummies are used they will be stored in separate labelled containers to ensure no cross contamination occurs.
- Children transfer to the older age group when assessed as appropriate for their age/stage following our agreed transition and settling in procedures.