



Under 2's Policy - Baby room – Penguins

Aim

To ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all children under 24 months in our care.

How We Achieve This:

- Babies are cared for in a dedicated room.
- Staff working with babies have specialist training.
- Age-appropriate activities avoid small parts that could pose a choking hazard.
- Daily safety checks of cots, chairs, and equipment are performed.
- Finger guards are fitted on doors where possible.
- Shoes are removed or covered in baby/toddler areas. Feeding
- Babies are not left with propped bottles.
- Formula and sterilised bottles must be supplied by parents (enough for daily feeds + one extra).
- Milk is prepared in a designated kitchen area; unused bottle contents are discarded after 2 hours.
- Breastfeeding and expressing areas are provided; breast milk is labelled and stored safely.
- Highchairs are used with restraints and never left unattended; restraints are regularly cleaned. Nappy Changing
- Nappies are changed by a member of the under 2's team that are familiar to the child and according to their individual needs.
- Communication with parents is maintained regarding toileting routines.
- Changing mats are disinfected before and after each use; potties are cleaned after every use.

- Parents are asked to provide sufficient nappies and wipes. - See our Intimate Care Policy for further details.
 - Sleeping Babies are always placed on their backs to sleep unless medically advised otherwise (with written consent).
- Sleeping children are checked visually every 10 minutes (or every 5 during early settling-in weeks).
- Sleep areas use appropriate bedding and follow Lullaby Trust guidelines.
- Cots are clear of hazards and soft toys (comforters permitted if required).
- Babies are transferred to safe sleep surfaces if they fall asleep while being held.
- We maintain a no-smoking policy and work with parents to support individual sleep routines.

Use of Dummies

- Dummies are only used for comfort or as part of a sleep routine.
- Stored hygienically and individually labelled. • Sterilised immediately if dropped or shared.
- Staff support children to reduce reliance on dummies during waking hours and offer alternatives for comfort.

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