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The Use of Dummies Policy

Policy statement

Cotswold Bunnies recognise that some children require the use of a dummy or pacifier in order to make them feel safe and calm as well as often forming part of their sleep routine.


Procedures

- The staff at Cotswold Bunnies will ask the parents of new children whether they use a dummy or not to pacify a child. They will ask the parents when the child usually needs the dummy. This will be recorded on the settling in form.
- All dummies are to be kept out of the room where food is eaten.
- When not in use they will be placed in the child's bag or in their personal basket, as long as they are not able to access it themselves.
- Parents will be asked to provide a suitable container for the dummy.
- Dummies will be regularly sterilized (in boiling water) throughout the day.
- Dummy clips will be removed from the dummy, especially at sleep times.
- Dummies must be fit for use. By this we mean, they must be for the correct age child, and not damaged. Any damaged dummies will be disposed of without parental consent due to the risk to children.
- Children will not be allowed to use other children's dummies. Any dummy that is used by the wrong child will be cleaned and sterilised before being returned.
- Staff will provide parents/carers with advice and support for the removal of dummies when it is time for the dummy usage to be reduced.

Further Information

[NHS Advice on Dummies](#)

[Tiny Happy People Dummy Advice](#)

This Policy was adopted by:		Cotswold Bunnies Nurseries Ltd	
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Signed on behalf of the Provider:			
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