

DUMMY POLICY

Policy statement

Puffin's understands that some younger children settle with the use of a Dummy. It is our aim and ambition to try refrain from using Dummies as a comfort method unless necessary.

Sleep

If a child is settled to sleep by the use of a Dummy, Puffin's will continue to support this. Puffin's will advise and support when it comes to the time to wean off of the Dummy.

Daily comfort

Children within the preschool room (2-5 years) will be encouraged to leave Dummies within their bags. If a child is new to Puffin's and uses a Dummy as a daily comfort, staff will ensure this is supported through the transition into nursery. Puffin's will advise and support the child and parents/carers when it comes to the time to wean off the Dummy.

Children within the baby room (0-2 years, Windlesham) may tend to use Dummies more regularly as a comfort. Puffin's aim to ensure other methods of comfort are used prior to a Dummy being.

Cleaning Dummies

When a Dummy is dropped, put in another child's mouth or becomes dirty, it must be placed into the steriliser for a few minutes to ensure it is cleaned.

If a child requires a Dummy, this must be provided by parents. Dummies must be clearly labelled.

This policy was reviewed on:

Signed by:

Print:

All staff to sign and date below once they have read and fully understood the above: