



Bottles

Policy statement

The nursery takes account of a child's individual routines and need for milk/bottles. This applies to the children under the age of 2 years.

Procedures

We follow these procedures to promote the safety of the children whilst feeding and preparing bottles and milk at the nursery.

- Before a child starts to attend the nursery, we find out from parents their children's routines and preferences, including milk/bottles.
- We record information about each child's routines on a care plan that is displayed in the baby room.
- We regularly consult with parents to ensure that our records of their children's routines are up-to-date. Parents sign the up-dated care plan to signify that it is correct.
- Bottles will be sterilised using a cold water steriliser for children up to 1 year old.
- Practitioners will warm milk using either the bottle warmer or a jug of hot water.
- Practitioners will only offer bottles that are pre made, cooled and refrigerated or made fresh using boiled water and milk powder. We will not make bottles with previously boiled water that has cooled below 70 degrees. These are guidelines from the Department of Health.
- Bottles will be prepared in our sterile area that is used for babies only.
- We will label bottles as they arrive and place them in the refrigerator.
- When a child is given a bottle we will ensure they are not left unsupervised. We will not allow any child to go to bed with a bottle, as we are unable to supervise them effectively.
- Practitioners will ensure high levels of hygiene when preparing and handling any sterilised bottles.