

1.26 Babies and Toddlers

Policy Statement

At Magic Daycare Nursery we care for children under the age of two and have adapted our practice to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in this age group. We ensure their health, safety and wellbeing through the following:

- Care should be taken to ensure that babies and toddlers do not have access to activities containing small pieces, which could be swallowed or otherwise injure the child.
- Potties should be washed and disinfected after every use. Changing mats are wiped with antibacterial cleanser before and after each nappy change
- Each baby must have his/her own bedding.
- Cot mattresses must meet safety standards.
- Children under two years should not be given pillows, cot bumpers or any soft furnishings to prevent risk of suffocation.
- All chairs used by the under 6 month olds should be fitted with restraints during mealtimes and monitored at all times. Children will never be left unattended sitting on chairs.
- Babies will never be left propped up with bottles as it is both dangerous and inappropriate
- Babies sleeping outside if applicable must be supervised at all times (cat/fly nets to be used on prams).
- Sleep checks to be completed every 10 minutes. These are to be documented with the time and staff initials on the sleep check form.
- Pregnant staff should only change nappies after completion of the risk assessment.