



## Children's Belongings Policy

**Covid Statement – no items from home to be brought in and Risk Assessment to be followed.  
There are exceptions for SEN children or children struggling to settle.**

### **Ethos**

Children should be safe to come to nursery and enjoy their time here. Children should only bring essential items to nursery with them and Parents/Carers should be aware of the types of unsuitable items that could be brought into nursery and prevent this from happening.

### **Aims**

- To ensure children's health and safety and the safety of others.
- Parents/Carers know their responsibilities concerning items that children bring into nursery.

### **Responsibilities of Governors**

- To ensure policies are regularly reviewed

### **Responsibilities of Head of Centre**

- To ensure policies are regularly reviewed.
- To ensure that this policy is included as part of the staff induction pack and that staff understand it.
- To ensure parents are made aware of this policy and adhere to it.

### **Responsibility of Senior Management Team**

- To ensure that this policy is included as part of the staff induction pack and that staff understand it.

### **Responsibility of staff**

- To ensure that they have read and fully understand the Policy on Children's belongings.
- To discuss this policy with Parents/Carers at Child's induction and make sure that they understand it.
- To store any items that Parents/Carers need storing appropriately or explain why it is not suitable to be kept at Nursery.

## **Responsibility of Parents/Carers**

- To read, understand and follow the procedure.

## **Procedure**

A copy of this policy will be sent out to all parents and discussed at Child's induction. All staff will read this policy at their staff induction.

Children should only bring into Nursery suitable clothing, (including spare underwear and socks) according to the weather; all of these items should be named and put in a bag which should be hung on the child's peg.

Items such as medication should be given to a member of staff who will fill in the relevant paperwork if required and store appropriately.

If your child attends lunch club please store their named lunch box in the correct place. If you bring a lunch box for your child to take home please give this to a member of staff. No nuts, or products containing nuts, should be included in any lunch box. Please read the letter about suggestions for lunchboxes – this is held in Meadowside office.

If it is absolutely necessary to bring any items in Parents/Carers should ask if they can leave the item with the staff at Nursery. Staff are not responsible for these items and can refuse if they feel the item is unsuitable.

No unsuitable items should be left in children's bags or pockets. It is the Parents/Carers responsibility to check this before leaving their child at Nursery. If unsuitable items are found this may result in a sanction for the Parent/Carer and child.

### Unsuitable items include:

Sharp objects

Chewing gum, sweets, nuts, drinks, food

Money

Toys and games consoles

Anything that might cause fire

Mobile phones

Creams and lip balms

Keys

This is not an exhaustive list - please ask if you are unsure.

## **Criteria for Success**

- The Policy on Children's belongings remains relevant for the Centre.
- Children are safe at Nursery and only bring essential items.
- Staff and Parents/Carers understand and follow the procedure.

## **This Policy cross references to the following documents:-**

1. Health and Safety Policy
2. Safeguarding policy

### 3. Healthy Eating Policy

**Policy agreed: April 2021**

**Policy to be reviewed: Every two years, April 2023**