

Caring for Babies and Toddlers Policy

Grass Roots Nursery Group: Caring for Babies and Toddlers Policy

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for caring for babies and toddlers at Grass Roots Nursery Group, ensuring their safety, well-being, and development.

Key Principles:

- **Individual Needs:** Cater to the unique needs of each baby and toddler.
- **Safe and Nurturing Environment:** Provide a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.
- **Developmentally Appropriate Care:** Offer age-appropriate activities and experiences.
- **Communication and Partnership:** Foster open communication with parents and build strong partnerships.

Staff Qualifications and Training

- Ensure all staff caring for babies and toddlers have the necessary qualifications and training.
- Provide ongoing training on infant and toddler development, safety, and care practices.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

- Adhere to all safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- Report any concerns regarding a child's welfare to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- Implement measures to prevent accidents and injuries.

* See [Child Protection and Safeguarding](#)

Health and Hygiene

- Maintain high standards of hygiene and cleanliness.
- Follow infection control procedures.
- Monitor children's health and well-being.
- Promote healthy eating habits.

Development and Learning

- Provide age-appropriate activities and experiences to support babies and toddlers' development.
- Encourage exploration, play, and learning.
- Foster language development through communication and interaction.
- Support social and emotional development.

Sleep and Rest

- Create a calm and comfortable environment for sleep.
- Respect individual sleep patterns and needs.

- Follow safe sleep practices.

* See [Sleep and Rest](#)

Feeding

- Support breastfeeding or bottle-feeding as desired by parents.
- Offer age-appropriate food and drink.
- Cater to individual dietary needs and allergies.
- Following the Safer Eating policy

* See [Nutrition and Mealtimes Policy](#) and [Accidents and First Aid](#)

Nappy Changing

- Follow proper diaper-changing procedures to maintain hygiene and prevent infections.
- Use appropriate diaper cream and products.

* See [Intimate care plan](#)

Outdoor Play

- Provide safe and age-appropriate outdoor play experiences.
- Supervise children closely during outdoor activities.
- Protect children from the elements.

* See [Outdoor play](#)

Parent Partnerships

- Foster open communication and collaboration with parents.
- Involve parents in their child's care and development.
- Share information about their child's progress and activities.

* See [Parents as Partners](#)

Review and Updates

- Regularly review and update the policy to ensure it aligns with current best practices and guidelines.
- Seek feedback from staff, parents, and other stakeholders.

By implementing this policy, Grass Roots Nursery Group can provide high-quality care for babies and toddlers, supporting their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.