

Learning Environments

Birth to Three - Baby Unit (6 weeks - 18/20 months)



We are passionate about maintaining a small baby's routine as much as possible and work closely with parents to facilitate this, communicating verbally and through using daily diaries to record your baby's day. Our babies are cared for across two playrooms, all which offers each baby a cosy, warm and soothing environment to promote their physical development, fine motor skills, vision, language and hearing, social behavior, play intellectual development, feeding and toileting. Every day the Early Years Practitioners provide activities which stimulate babies' senses using textured materials and a wide variety of toys, water, sensory experiences, and music. The babies also have access to a purposefully designed physical space/balcony giving them access to the large physical play resources while listening to and exploring the outdoor environment around them.

We have a milk kitchen where formula feeds can be prepared and stored in our designated refrigerator, using formula milk as requested by parents for children up to the age of one year. Breast milk can also be stored safely, ready to be offered when required. Hygiene and safety are of the utmost importance. For the babies who are weaning, we ensure they are securely sat in high chairs with harnesses and encourage them to try all foods on offer.

Children within Birth to Three will use 'doidy cups' to drink water and milk, these cups are specifically designed for very young children to support good oral health and independence in drinking with two handles to hold, they allow the child to drink from a rim with a unique slant to support drinking the liquid rather than having to suck the liquid. Doidy Cups are readily available on amazon to purchase if you wanted to use the same type of cup at home. We will only provide formula or breast milk in bottles until 12 months of age. Keep Guard Day Nursery do not accept 'beaker or sippy' type cups from home for the children to use.

We offer all our children the opportunity to rest after lunch and within Birth to Three this often means your little one having an afternoon nap, in purposefully designed cots or on beds close to the floor. We will provide each child with a sheet and blanket (during colder months) but understand sometimes children will need comforters to further support settling. Please ensure you let your child's Key Person know if a comforter is required to support this time of day.

