



# Oscar Bears' Day Care

## Toys from Home and Comfort Objects policy

At Oscar Bears' Day Care, we believe that the key to successfully transitioning a child from home to nursery or room to room is founded in communication, empathy and the establishment of consistent routines.

It is the policy of Oscar Bears' Day Care to make the children's surroundings as homely and comfortable as possible. We recognise that these security objects are part of the emotional support system that every child needs in his early years to give both emotional and tangible comfort, especially during times of stress.

The use of a dummy/pacifier or other comfort item such as blankets, cardigans or teddy bears is allowed; however, we try to limit the use of them by only offering them to produce a calming effect at times when the child is upset or at nap time.

If the parent/carer wishes their child to use such an object they must provide it, clearly labelled with the child's name. If using dummies/pacifiers, it is also recommended that a spare dummy/pacifier is provided. Other comfort items should be limited to one per child.

Unfortunately, we actively discourage children from bringing toys into Nursery. In our experience children tend to become very possessive over their toys, which can cause disagreements. Children become upset if they cannot find their toy in the setting; it gets broken or taken home by another child. Please could you therefore help us by not bringing your child's toy into Nursery; alternatively, we request that any toys brought in fit within the child's bag. Please be aware that some toys are unsuitable and may cause choking hazards e.g. toys with small pieces or Jewelry.

When children bring in toys or books, opportunities such as Circle Time are given to allow the child to share their toy with their friends.

**We must make it clear that whilst all care is taken, Oscar Bears' Day Care is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen toys or other items brought in from home.**

