

# Harpole Day Nursery

## Babies and Toddlers policy

At Harpole day 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 highchairs should be fitted with restraints and used at all times. Children will never be left unattended in high chairs
- babies will never be left propped up with bottles as it is both dangerous and inappropriate
- babies sleeping outside 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
- staff should not change nappies whilst pregnant.

**This policy was adopted on (*insert date*): .....**

**Signed on behalf of the nursery:**