



## Tickton Pre-school and Play Pals

### Comfort Objects

### (Dummies & Bottles)

### Policy.

### Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).

Quality and Consistency.

A Secure Foundation.

Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

Unique Child

Positive Partnerships

Enabling Environment

Learning and Developing

### **Policy Statement:**

Tickton Pre-school and Play Pals out of school club believes every child is unique and has individual needs. We support the well-being of all children and understand that some children may need transitional (comfort) objects from home such as dummies, bottles or blankets to feel settled and reassured, Security objects such as blankets are part of the emotional support system some children need in his/her early years. we will work with parental preference and request.

While we will support all parents/ carers in the use of dummies and bottles for their children at Tickton pre-school and Play Pals, we are also aware that continued daily use of dummies

can be detrimental to a child's speech and language development and will work hard to transition this need.

**Procedures:**

We will ensure that children can easily access their comfort objects from home and we will work closely with parents/carers to support a child with the use of their dummy during play activities - considering their speech and language needs as appropriate. Should a child ask for their dummy when they want to sleep, it will be given, and the 'sleeping child' policy will be followed.

Children will be discouraged from carrying drinking bottles around the setting and will need to sit with a staff member and/or at the setting snack table, only water or milk will be offered and we will encourage the use of a beaker/cup.

Children must sit at the snack/lunch table when eating or drinking and not walk around the setting.

Tickton Pre-school and Play Pals cannot take any responsibility of any lost toys/items from home.