

Mapledene and Queensbridge Children's Centre

Toys from home policy

At Mapledene and Queensbridge Children's Centre, 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.

We understand that a child may have an emotional attachment to a personal belonging from home, such as a toy or blanket and accept that this item may be instrumental to the child's feeling of emotional wellbeing and sense of belonging while at nursery.

Transitional objects from home

We will;

- Take as much care as possible in ensuring that personal belongings are returned to the correct family.
- Request that parents clearly label all items in a laundry marker in order for staff to correctly identify your child's belongings and to ensure they are returned.
- Encourage children who bring special belongings to nursery to place them in a special "toys from home" box to reduce the likelihood of their belongings becoming lost or broken.

Show and tell

Each week your child will be asked to bring in a specific object from home to share and talk about during circle time.

This develops language and builds confidence as well as self-esteem.

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- Request that parents clearly label all items in a laundry marker in order for staff to correctly identify your child's belongings and to ensure they are returned.
- Encourage children who bring 'show and tell' items to nursery to place them in the 'show and tell' box to reduce the likelihood of their belongings becoming lost or broken.

We must make it clear that whilst all care is taken, Mapledene and Queensbridge Children's Centre is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen toys or other items brought in from home.