

Mad Hatters

Baby Milk Policy

Mad Hatters supports those who are breast feeding and continuing to breast feed while their child attends Mad Hatters. We will happily put together a support plan for both you and your child. We also understand some parents may use formula milk, and we will happily provide formula milk up to the age of one. Please see the guidance we follow at nursery for storing and using milk within the setting.

- All formula milk powder brought in from home must be kept in appropriate storage containers and kept in the kitchen. Formula milk must not be made up at home and brought into nursery and labelled correctly e.g. name of child.
- If formula milk is provided by the nursery, then the feeds must be made up in a bottle. If the child is under 12months then bottles need to be sterilized, provided by the parents, or in one of the nurseries MAAM bottles.
- MAAM bottles need to be sterilized in a microwave following the manufactures instructions.
- Feeds must never be shared. If bottles are brought in from home this should never be shared.
- Formula milk powder must be kept in the kitchen cupboard.
- All babies' bottles brought in from home must be named.
- All milk feeds should be made only when needed, if a feed is needed to be made up before hand then this must be kept in the fridge for no more than 24 hours, and thrown away at the end of the day if not used.
- Do not keep formula milk out of the fridge for more than 2 hours after it has been made up.
- Never save partly used bottles for another feed.
- Bottles should be heated by putting it in a jug of hot water in the kitchen or cooled down in a bowl of cold water in the kitchen. Bottles must be checked for hot spots before leaving the kitchen.
- Never take hot water or milk into the children's rooms.
- Always test the temperature of the bottle before taking it out of the kitchen and giving it to a child.
- If bottles are too hot, they should never be taken out of the kitchen into the rooms to cool down. Bottles must be kept in the kitchen to cool down at all times.
- All finished bottles to be washed and placed in child's bag if from home or taken to the kitchen to be cleaned.