

Mad Hatters

Dummies

All dummies will be kept in children's bags when not in use, unless a child is settling in, and may need them a different times throughout the day, therefore, they will be left in their own bowl easily accessible to staff.

At Mad Hatters we believe that dummies can have a negative effect on children's development therefore, throughout the day we will try our best to distract and comfort the child in other ways such as providing different opportunities to explore, cuddles, or a teddy. However, nursery also recognises if a child is settling in, or if a child is distressed and all other options have been exhausted, we will give the child their dummy to help soothe. We will also allow dummies for nap times as we understand this can be a comfort to go to sleep.