

# Personal Belongings

In Askea Community Childcare Centre we understand that a child may have an emotional attachment to a personal belonging from home, such as comfort toy, blanket or soother and accept that this item may be instrumental to the child's feeling of emotional well-being and sense of belonging when starting in our Centre. Comfort toys, blanket or soother are viewed as important for a child but are in a different category to just bringing in toys for play.

## Personal Belongings Procedure

The following procedures are in place to implement this policy

1. Staff encourage parents to bring only their child's "comfort toy/ blanket " or soother which maybe essential to a child's emotional well-being and/ or sense of belonging
2. Staff discourage the bringing of toys from home to the Centre by asking parents to leave all other toys at home except for comfort blanket/ toy or soother
3. Parents must clearly label all comfort toys so staff can correctly identify belongings to ensure they are returned
4. Children are encouraged to place their "comfort toys/ blankets" in a special box/ basket to reduce the likelihood of their becoming lost
5. Staff make it clear that whilst all care is taken staff are **not responsible** for damaged or lost items
6. Age appropriate educational toys and resources are available for your children's use daily which removes the need for children bringing toys to the Centre
7. At fancy dress times parents should ensure that dress up clothing does not encourage violent play (e.g. pirates with swords etc.)

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This policy was agreed and adopted by Askea Community Childcare Centre

Date. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by. \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of management

This policy will be reviewed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 in collaboration with staff and parents