

## Policies and Procedures: Personal Possessions.

I provide a wide range of toys and activities for all the children in my care, catering for different needs, abilities and ages. Whilst it's not necessary for children to bring additional toys with them, I can understand that sometimes a child may wish to. This may be a new toy to show their friends, a comfort toy they struggle without or a toy they have been playing with just before leaving home.

I will endeavour to keep all children's toys and resources safe, however I'm sure you appreciate that with several children in my care at any one time, it's not always possible to keep an eye on their belongings. Whilst losses are rare I would advise that if a toy is very precious or expensive that it stays at home as I will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

If your child does have a comfort toy they are very attached to, I would recommend that additional 'copies' are purchased to help prevent upset if one is lost. It has worked well with children previously in my care to leave the 'special' one at home to 'rest' and to bring the copy to the Barn. If this is started from day one of your child attending, it easily becomes part of their daily routine.

Special items that children bring in to show (such as photos from a recent trip) will be kept on top of the safe. If your child wants to play with something they have brought in then it is their responsibility and they must be prepared to share the toy with the other children. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring in any toy that may not be appropriate for all ages of children. Although I will try keep tabs on any item brought from home, this may not always be possible. If at home time your child cannot find the toy, I will do my best to look for it, however the care of children is my top priority so I may not have time to do so.

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