



Adventure Pre-School – Objects from Home Policy

Our role is to meet all the needs of the children and to provide all they need for a session with us. What children need to bring in from home is therefore minimal to make it easier for you and us.

You need to provide (preferably in a drawstring bag):

- Spare clothing (in case of accidents)
- Waterproof coat (in wet weather)
- Jumper (in cold weather)
- Nappies and wipes (if required)
- Medication (if required)

So, you may actually not need much! We will provide all toys, food and drink.

Comforters – dummies, teddies and blankets

We do understand that starting pre-school can be an anxious time for a child and that sometimes a comforter from home can help them feel settled as they come in. Once they are settled, we will work with you to help them transition away from this object, starting with leaving it in a special box/place and eventually leaving it at home. There is no set period for how long this will take. Each child will be different.

However, sometimes we find that if these objects are too large they can limit a child's play due to restrictions on how they can use their hands in play or their mouths to speak. Some 'old favourites' can also be quite un-hygienic and we cannot guarantee that any object brought in will not become lost.

Toys from home

Children can also be sneaky and bring in small toys from home, just because they can. This is something we strongly discourage. Toys from home must not be brought in and if brought to preschool should be taken from children before they come in and kept safely at home. This is not to be awkward. A lot of consideration and attention is given to the play experiences on offer at pre-school. They are planned to challenge or support or develop specific skills that are highlighted as next steps in learning. Often if toys from home are brought in, that child will disengage from our opportunities and therefore limit their potential learning.

Alongside this they inevitably cause arguments, get lost or damaged. Unfortunately, we do not have the time to search for those lost items at the end of the day when key carers need to be available to speak to lots of parents. Many toys are also not suitable for under-threes due to the small parts being a choking hazard.



Once a child is fully settled, any toys from home found on children during play sessions should be sensitively removed and returned at the end of the session. Any unclaimed 'left' toys will be displayed for one week then donated to charity at the end of each half term.

Food and drink

We have a rolling snack time throughout the morning and afternoon session and water is always available to drink. Therefore, we politely request that additional food or drinks bottles must not be brought in (see food and drink policy for medical exceptions). This ensures that no allergens are brought into the setting by mistake.