LITTLE CRICKETS AT PARK SCHOOL – CARING FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO POLICY

At Little Crickets at Park School we are able to care for babies from the age of 3 months. We have created two calm and homely environments as the baby's base rooms, but they also have access to other suitable facilities around the school site.

1. PRACTITIONERS

1.1 Nursery staff working directly with the babies have relevant qualifications and/or experience.

1.2 Staff ensure activities and resources are safe, stimulating and age appropriate.

1.3 Staff carry out daily checks to ensure the area is safe and the equipment is in good working order.

1.4 Doors are fitted with finger guards.

2. INDIVIDUAL CARE NEEDS

2.1 Babies have their nappies changed as and when needed and/or every 2-3 hours.

2.2 No baby is left unattended whilst having their nappy changed. Nappy changes are always completed within sight and sound of another staff member.

2.3 All babies have their individual routine recorded by their parents on Blossom and this is shared with all relevant staff and recorded on the whiteboard within the room

2.4 Staff provide a summary of each baby's day using the online Blossom management system and through informal discussions at handover.

3. SAFE SLEEPING

3.1 Cot mattresses adhere to safety standards.

3.2 Parents must supply named bedding for sleep times which will be sent home to be washed frequently. The blankets provided must meet safety standards e.g. cellular blankets.

3.3 Babies will not be given pillows, cot bumpers or any soft furnishings in the sleep area.

3.4 Staff will follow all SIDS prevention guidance and advice will be shared with parents.

3.5 Babies are always laid to sleep on their backs with the feet touching the bottom of the cot.

3.6 To prevent babies wriggling under the blanket, they will be placed no higher than armpit height.

If a child uses a dummy any attachments will be removed.

3.7 Sleeping bags must be the correct size and tog for the weather.

3.8 Checks on sleeping babies are completed every 10 minutes, this may increase to 5 minutes for younger babies and there is a monitor on in the room. Checks are documented on the nursery record sheet.