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Caring for Toddlers

At Plaxtol Nursery School, we care for children from the age of two and ensure their health, safety and well-being through the following:

- Care is taken to ensure that toddlers do not have access to activities containing small pieces, which may be swallowed or otherwise injure the child
- The environment and equipment are checked daily before the children access the area. This includes checking the stability of cots and areas around, low/highchairs and ensuring restraints on these, pushchairs and prams are intact and working
- All doors are fitted with viewing panels and door finger-guards to ensure the safety of children
- Toddlers have their nappies changed according to their individual needs and requirements by their key person wherever possible
- Information will be shared between parents and the key person about nappy changing and toilet training in a way that suits the child
- Potties are washed and disinfected after every use. Changing mats are wiped with anti-bacterial cleanser before and after every nappy change
- We follow all cot death prevention/safety guidelines and advise parents of this information. Toddlers are always laid to sleep on their back, with their feet touching the foot of the cot
- Sheets or thin blankets will come no higher than the toddler's shoulders, to prevent them wriggling under the covers. We make sure the covers are securely tucked in so they cannot slip over the baby's head
- No child is ever left unattended during nappy changing time
- Sleeping children are supervised at all times.
- Staff do not change nappies whilst pregnant until a risk assessment has been discussed and conducted. Students only change nappies with the support and close supervision of a qualified member of staff
- All dummies are stored in separate labelled containers to ensure no cross-contamination occurs and sent home for parents to wash and sterilise.