

# Jelly Babies Room (age 0-2)

The Jelly Babies room is situated downstairs in the Daycare and is registered for up to 13 babies. It is registered to take babies aged from 8 weeks to 23 months. Transitions from the Jelly Babies Room to the Jelly Tots Room begin between the age of 22 and 24 months, dependent on the individual child.

The ratio of staff to baby is a minimum of 1:3.

## Description

The Jelly Babies Room floor has a carpet area and an area suitable for wet and messy play. It is well resourced incorporating a book/home corner, mirrors and outside play area. There are bright colourful wall displays which the children help to create. The displays follow a theme lasting for approximately 4 weeks. Staff constantly play with your baby and provide the right kind of stimulation to encourage communication and response. Equipment ranges from mobiles and activity gyms to pull-along toys, bricks, musical instruments and much more. The babies are even encouraged to join in with 'Jelly Play', a highly tactile sensory activity which not only feels good but is also safe to eat and very, very tasty.

Plenty of allowance is made for the fact that the under-twos have relatively short attention spans and activities are planned so that no boredom sets in. As far as the children are concerned, it is all just great fun! In reality, their day is carefully organised to encourage development, new skills and confidence. There is always something to do and someone to play with. We begin in this room to introduce children to new experiences and sensations. As toddlers gain fine motor control and can more easily hold a crayon and paint brush, they can enjoy painting, crayoning, using a glue stick, playing with play-dough. The end result is not important, it is the sheer fun of the activity (the textures experienced, the physical actions and indeed, the mess!) that is the toddler's enjoyment. Water and sand play are both therapeutic and creative, channelling the energies and the imaginations of the children.

A 'planning board' with themes for the month will be situated outside the room. A monthly menu will be displayed on this notice board as well. A 'Daily Report Chart' is also given to parents enabling them to view information on their child's nappy changes, sleep, meal times and activities.

The babies' changing room is incorporated into the Jelly Babies Room and is equipped with changing stations, individual storage and wash basins. The babies' nappies are changed on a changing mat which is on top of a changing unit. The changing mat is sterilised between each nappy change. 'The nursery' operates a nappy changing procedure. Dirty or very wet nappies are changed straight away, not left to appointed times. There are interesting mobiles and pictures in the changing area to interest the babies during nappy changing.

The babies sleep room is designed to be spacious with plenty of space between cots. There will be soothing lights and sleepy time music to encourage relaxation.

We have low level baskets which allow the babies free choice of all the toys and equipment to encourage and assist the babies through their various stages of development. Besides

stimulation, the babies receive a great deal of affection and love. Their various requirements are met through a flexible routine.

All babies are individuals and are able to eat when hungry, sleep when tired and play when feeling energetic.

## Nappies

You will need to bring a supply of nappies and cream. If your child uses disposable nappies you can bring a large pack to leave at nursery and the nursery staff will let you know when they are running low.

If your child is in terry towelling or cotton nappies you will need to bring in a daily supply. The nursery staff will 'bag' and return them to you at the end of the day to wash at home.

All of the staff will wear gloves when changing nappies and parents will need to provide wipes or cotton wool.

Cream will only be applied if you so wish. You will need to bring a clearly named pot of the brand you use.

## Comforts

If your child has a comfort i.e. cuddly toy, blanket, dummy then please bring them in to Daycare in case your child requires it at some point during the day. These items will be kept on a shelf or in their drawer for safekeeping. If your baby does have a dummy please provide a protective cover.

## Teething

Children suffer with teething in different ways but they usually always dribble. Please can you provide two named "dribble bibs" when your child is cutting new teeth.

## Sleeping

Babies will sleep in a beautiful airy sleep room. When sleeping in their individual cots the babies are checked at regular intervals by the nursery staff. The checks are recorded. A monitor is used so that nursery staff can hear any noise. The babies are always placed to sleep on their backs. Soothing light and music will be used to help your baby relax and go to sleep. If your baby is unsettled and does not want to sleep s/he will be brought to the main room and let play with supervision in the soft play area.

## Milk

Babies are fed their milk when they are hungry. With the majority of babies this tends to be morning, lunchtime and afternoon, but we will adapt to your babies needs. The options for formula milk are as follows:

### **Option one**

You provide sterilised bottles and formula for nursery staff to make up.

### **Option two**

Alternatively you can provide sterilised bottles along with cartons of milk formula milk

### **Option three**

If you breast feed your baby and are able to come in during the day the nursery staff will telephone you when your baby is hungry. Alternatively you may prefer to supply your breast milk in a bottle.

The babies are offered cooled, boiled water regularly during the day.

## Weaning / Eating

The nursery provides your child with all the meals for the day. All food is prepared and cooked on the premises by our cook.

In the morning the babies have a snack between 9.45 – 10.15. Meal times are at 12 noon and 4 pm. When your child is ready to be weaned please let the nursery staff know and they will try to accommodate your routine, method and types of food you are using at home.

The nursery staff prepares liquidised fruit and vegetables and, once your child is ready, they will eat the normal nursery menu.

## Clothing

Please dress your baby in comfortable, easily removable, clothing. You will need to provide at least three complete changes of clothes. All clothing must be clearly named.

In the winter your baby will require a coat and gloves for outdoor play. In the summer your baby will need light cotton clothing, a sun hat and a named bottle/tube of sun block. Each child has their own peg to hang their belongings on.

## Illness

If your baby is unwell, please keep them at home. If your child has an infectious disease then it is very important that you inform the Daycare and that the baby is excluded according

to Daycare policy. Babies will only be re-admitted to the nursery after an illness at the discretion of the Daycare Manager. If your baby becomes unwell during the day, one of the Parents/Carers will be contacted to arrange collection of the child as soon as possible. Gastroenteritis (sickness and/or diarrhoea) requires a full 48 hours clear of either sickness or diarrhoea before being accepted back into the nursery.

## Medication

A qualified first aider is willing to administer medicine when necessary. You must complete a medicine authorisation form for each day your baby needs to be given medicine. These are available from the office and only a designated first aider will administer medicine.

## Accidents

The Daycare records all accidents in an accident book. If your baby is hurt or injured in any way during the day an entry will be made in the Accident Report Book and you will be asked to sign this book as a parent/carer acknowledging that you have been told about the accident.

If your baby has had an accident at home we ask that you let the nursery staff know. They will ask you to complete a home accident/injury form.

## Moving on

When we feel your child is ready to move up to the Jelly Tots room, visits will be arranged for him/her. This enables your child to settle happily into the Jelly Tots Room and become familiar with the routine, staff and peers.

## Additional information

We maintain our own profiles on the children keeping an eye on developments and share our records with parents. We hope that you find these informative and beneficial – and in years to come, will look back on them with a good deal of pleasant memories of their early years and time at Kids and Bibs Daycare.

We hope you and your baby will have a happy time in the Jelly Babies Room. If you have any concerns or problems then please share them – we are here to help.

CCTV cameras will be monitored in the office for added security and peace of mind.