The Meadows

Cheeky Chimps Childcare

Theft, Loss or Damage Policy

At The Meadows Nursery, we are committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all children in our care. This Loss & Damage to Personal Property Policy outlines our approach to managing situations involving loss or damage to personal property brought by children or staff members to the nursery, as well as instances where children cause damage to the Nursery.

Personal Property Responsibility:

Children All children's clothes/items should be marked with their name. Children should not bring money or personal books and toys onto nursery premises, except on specific themed events requested by the Nursery. These items should be placed in their bag on arrival.

While we strive to create a secure environment, the nursery cannot take responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of personal property.

Personal Property Guidelines:

- Parents/Carers will be informed that personal items brought to the nursery setting should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Items that are potentially valuable, fragile, or irreplaceable should not be brought to the setting.
- Buggy's, bikes, scooters, and other items are left on site at the owner's risk and must be stored in the buggy area. It is advised that you use some kind of secure device to prevent theft.

Setting's Responsibility:

- Manager and staff members will encourage children to keep their personal items in designated areas.
- Staff members will promote responsible behaviour and respectful treatment of personal property among children.

Communication with Parents:

- Parents/Carers will be informed about the Nursery setting's policy regarding personal property.
- Parents will be encouraged to communicate directly with their child about the importance of taking care of their belongings.
- If your child does bring home any toys/resources, please do not be embarrassed. please can you return these at the next drop off or leave them at the front of the nursery.
- Children may have had to borrow nursery clothes, please could you return them as soon as possible.
- Where children have caused damage to the nursery resources, this will be discussed with parents on collection.

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Reporting Loss or Damage:

• If loss or damage to personal property occurs within the setting, parents /carers will be notified promptly.

• Staff will document the incident, including the circumstances and any actions taken.

If conclusive proof is found of any parent/carer stealing, their child will lose his/her place at the Nursery immediately, and criminal proceedings may occur

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