

Non-Mobile Child Policy (Updated EYFS September 2025)

Policy Statement:

At Butterflies Nursery, we are committed to providing a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for all children in our care. This Non-Mobile Child Policy outlines our approach to caring for infants and young children who are not yet mobile and require specialised attention and care.

Definition of Non-Mobile Children:

- Non-mobile children refer to infants and young children who have not yet developed the ability to independently move, crawl, or walk.

Individualised Care:

- The setting will provide individualised care to non-mobile children based on their developmental needs and preferences.

Supervision and Interaction:

- The setting will ensure constant supervision and engagement with non-mobile children to promote their cognitive, emotional, and physical development.

Tummy Time:

- The setting will incorporate regular tummy time sessions to promote muscle development and prevent flat spots on the back of the baby's head.

Positioning:

- The setting will be attentive to the proper positioning of non-mobile children, including avoiding extended periods in one position to prevent discomfort.

Feeding:

- The setting will follow parents' instructions and schedules for feeding non-mobile children, whether breastfeeding or bottle feeding.
- Any dietary requirements or allergies will be documented and strictly adhered to.

Communication with Parents:

- The setting will maintain open communication with parents or legal guardians about their child's daily routine, feeding habits, and any concerns.

Diapering and Hygiene:

- The setting will perform diaper changes as needed to ensure the child's comfort and hygiene.
- Proper handwashing and hygiene practices will be followed before and after diaper changes.
- Nappy-changing areas will be cleaned and sanitised after each use.

Interaction and Stimulation:

- The setting will engage non-mobile children in age-appropriate sensory activities, songs, and gentle play to stimulate their development.
- Activities will be tailored to support the child's physical and cognitive milestones.

Sleep:

- The setting will create a **safe sleep environment** for non-mobile children, following recommended **safe sleep practices** to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Sleep positioning and bedding will comply with the latest **EYFS 2025 sleep safety guidelines**.

Documentation:

- The setting will maintain accurate records of feeding, diaper changes, sleep patterns, and developmental milestones for each non-mobile child.

Transition to Mobility:

- The setting will closely monitor each non-mobile child's developmental progress and communicate with parents when the child begins to show signs of mobility.
- Parents will be provided with guidance on **supporting mobility development** at home.

Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes:

- This policy aligns with the updated **EYFS 2025 framework**, which emphasises **individualised developmental support for non-mobile infants**, ensuring their care routines promote healthy growth.
- The policy reflects the latest **safeguarding measures**, including **enhanced hygiene practices and sleep safety guidelines**.
- New EYFS requirements on **parental communication** and **tracking early movement milestones** are incorporated to ensure a smooth transition to mobility.

Review and Monitoring:

- This policy will be reviewed annually or more frequently if required to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with any changes in legislation or local guidelines.
- Feedback from parents, legal guardians, and staff members will be welcomed to continuously improve our non-mobile child policy.

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