



FLAKEFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dummy Policy for Nursery September 2017

At Flakefleet Primary we recognise that a dummy can be a source of comfort for a child who is upset and that it may often form part of a sleep routine. However, as children get older they need to learn how to move their mouths in different ways and experiment in making different sounds. The more practice children have in using their mouths, the better their speech will be. When a child has a dummy in their mouth they are less likely to experiment or copy making sounds. A dummy also hampers interaction with other children and could be a cause of speech delay.

Flakefleet would strongly recommend that children who use a dummy refrain from bringing it to the setting. Where necessary each child will be given an appropriate personalised strategy agreed between staff and parents/carers to encourage the phasing out of the dummy.

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