



## Oral Health Policy

Woodpeckers Preschool CIO provides care for children and promotes health through promoting oral health and hygiene, encouraging healthy eating and healthy snacks.

- Fresh drinking water is always available and easily accessible.
- Sugary drinks are not served.
- Only water and milk are served with morning and afternoon snacks.
- Children are offered healthy nutritious snacks with no added sugar.
- Parents/carers are discouraged from sending in confectionary as a snack or treat.
- Staff follow the Infant & Toddler Forum's Ten Steps for Healthy Toddlers.

### Pacifiers/dummies

- Parents/carers are *advised* to stop using dummies/pacifiers once their child is 12 months old.
- Dummies that are damaged are disposed of and parents/carers are told that this has happened

### Further guidance

Infant & Toddler Forum: Ten Steps for Healthy Toddlers

[www.infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddlers-to-preschool/healthy-eating/ten-steps-for-healthy-toddlers/](http://www.infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddlers-to-preschool/healthy-eating/ten-steps-for-healthy-toddlers/)

This policy was adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed   
Steven White (Chairperson)  
Trustee of Woodpeckers Preschool CIO  
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