



LINKS CHILDCARE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Soother Policy

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Policy Statement

Links Childcare understands that some children require the use of soothers throughout their day in crèche. Links Childcare aims to keep the use of soothers at a minimum during the day. Links Childcare aims to ensure a high standard of hygiene is promoted at all times around the use of soothers. This policy is available to all on www.linkschildcare.ie (<https://linkschildcare.ie/about-us/our-policies/>) or contact us at info@linkschildcare.ie.

Procedure

- Parents of children who use soothers should provide two soothers and labelled containers for children under 3 years of age.
- Soothers are not recommended for children over 3 years of age.
- For children under 2 years of age, their soother should be attached to a soother chain while in use during the day, excluding sleep time. Parents should provide a soother chain.
- Soothers will be used predominately during sleep time or where a child needs a comfort moment.
- Soothers will be stored in individual containers while not in use.
- Soothers will be sterilised as required.

Review

Management, in consultation with staff, monitors and reviews the effectiveness of this policy yearly or as required.

Review Dates:	January 2020	October 2020	May 2023
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