



Cawley Childcare Ltd

(I/A Home from Home Creche & Preschool & Kids Campus)

Policy & Procedure

Mouthed Toys

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This policy has been communicated to parents/guardians and staff.

Relevant staff know the requirements and have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to this policy.

Relevant staff have received training on this policy.

Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 ([Síolta Standard 9: Health and Welfare](#)) ([National Standard 12: Health Care](#), [National Standard 18: Facilities](#))

In all preschool rooms there is a “mouthed toybox” the purpose of this is to remove toys which have been mouthed throughout the day by the children in the room. The toys must be washed and sterilised before going back into room for children to access.

The following must be done.

On seeing a child put a toy into their mouth, staff must:

- Remove toy after child is finished playing with it.
- Place toy in designated “mouthed toybox”.
- Wash toys in box with warm soapy water.
- Sterilise toys using microwavable steriliser, once completed leave to dry.
- Put toys back in room for children to access again.
- This can be done daily or more frequently throughout the day if required.

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