

### Use of Dummy Policy

At Alton College Nursery we understand that some parents use dummies to soothe or settle their child.

At Nursery dummies are only to be given to a child who is upset or sleeping. Children are not to be walking around with dummies in the mouths, as this hinders speech development.

If a child requires a dummy to sleep, parents are asked to sign a slip / registration form to give consent for Nursery to give their child a dummy, as some research suggests that a dummy may present a choking hazard to a sleeping child.