Children's Belongings Policy

At Manor Farm, we encourage children to bring only the personal belongings they need for their day. We advise that valuable, sentimental or precious items are not brought into the setting, as belongings may become lost, damaged or misplaced during activities. Manor Farm cannot accept responsibility for personal items brought onto the premises, although any reported loss or damage will be responded to appropriately.

Children should wear comfortable, practical clothing and footwear suitable for our farm environment and outdoor activities. Clothing should be appropriate for changing weather conditions and activities involving mud, water, paint, glue and active play. Parents and carers are encouraged to provide spare clothing, wellies and suitable outdoor wear where necessary.

Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones or other personal electronic devices without prior agreement from the Setting Lead. Where an individual arrangement has been agreed, devices must be used only with staff permission and in accordance with the setting's safeguarding and online procedures.

Staff will respect children's personal belongings and support them to develop responsibility for looking after their own possessions, taking account of their individual developmental and support needs.

Any concerns regarding lost, damaged or inappropriate items should be raised with the Setting Lead or class lead teachers.

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required.

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