

## Totterdown Preschool Sleeping Policy

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

At Totterdown Preschool we understand that rest and sleep is important for childrens development and well-being. Parents / carers will be informed of the Preschools environment and introduced to the sleeping area provided within the main hall. Our hall holds a sleeping area created by the use of a tent, and mats, this is to form a separate yet safe environment for either quiet time or sleep.

## **METHODS**

- Practitioners are encouraged to learn each individual child's signs of tiredness, through observations of the child's behavior and through discussions with parents/carers.
- Information will be gathered from parents/carers about their child's individual sleep routines and these will be followed as much as possible.
- Children will not be forced to sleep if they do not wish to and likewise will not be forced to stay awake if they are exhausted.
- ❖ All sheets and blankets are washed after a child has used them.
- Sleeping children are regularly checked and there is always a member of staff supervising them.

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STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I have read this policy and will adhere to it in future practice: