Brookfield Community Primary School

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Safer Sleeping Policy

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Our School Mission Statement

'Many hearts make a school'.

At Brookfield Community Primary School, our children, families, staff and governors all work together to ensure that everyone fulfils their potential. With the children being at the heart of our school, we strive to provide a rewarding experience for all.

Statutory Guidance

This policy follows the Department for Education's *Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework for Group and School-Based Providers*, effective from 1 September 2026, and the official Safer Sleep guidance.

Purpose

We recognise that some Reception children may need to rest or sleep during the school day. We will prioritise their safety, comfort and individual needs in line with current statutory requirements and safeguarding procedures.

Sleeping Arrangements

- If a child needs to sleep, staff will follow the school's safer sleeping procedures and consider the child's individual needs.
- The designated rest area is the tipi in The Den, providing a quieter space away from other children.
- The tipi has two windows nearby to support ventilation. Staff will ensure the room remains at a comfortable temperature and monitor the child for signs of overheating or feeling cold.
- Children will be provided with a clear, flat and firm sleeping surface.

- The tipi is situated where staff can maintain clear visibility of the child. Children will remain within the sight and hearing of staff at all times.
- Children will be placed down on their back in their own separate sleep space on a firm flat surface.

Supervision and Safety

- Sleeping children will be checked frequently to ensure their safety and wellbeing.
- Staff will monitor the child's breathing, colour, temperature and general comfort, responding immediately to any concerns.
- The sleeping area will be kept free from unnecessary items that could pose a risk.
- Children under two must follow the additional statutory safer sleep requirements, including being placed on their back in a separate sleep space. Babies aged 12 months and under must sleep in a compliant cot, carrycot, Moses basket or travel cot.
- If a child shows signs of distress or illness, staff will follow the school's emergency and safeguarding procedures.

Communication and Recording

Staff will record relevant sleep periods and any concerns in line with school procedures. Parents or carers will be informed if their child needs to sleep during the school day, particularly if this becomes a recurring occurrence.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Designated Safeguarding Lead to ensure it remains compliant with current legislation, statutory guidance and best practice.

The effectiveness of the policy will be monitored through:

- Safeguarding monitoring and reporting processes.
- Staff training and professional development.
- Feedback from pupils, parents/carers and staff where appropriate.

The Headteacher is responsible for approving this policy and ensuring its effective implementation throughout the school.