

## Home-grown in Malvern House Rules

We have written a few simple 'House Rules'. They are designed to help us all work and play together happily and safely. We will provide you with a copy of them and they are available for the children to see in the playroom, both in words and in pictures. We work with the children to ensure that they understand the rules and why we have them. Mostly they are to ensure the safety of all those in the setting and to help the children learn to respect each other and others' property. They are probably very similar to the 'rules' that you have in your own home.

**We all sit at the table (or in our highchair) to eat or drink.**

*This is to prevent spills and choking accidents. It also helps to create a social atmosphere in which children can learn good table manners.*

**We treat the furniture with respect**

*This is to prevent children from falling off settees and hurting themselves and also to learn to respect others' property and to use things for what they were designed.*

**We go outside if we want to run around**

*Children love to run and we promote physical activity at our setting, but there may be tripping hazards on the floor of the playroom such as toys or chair legs, so we take children outside to run.*

**We remove our shoes at the doorway**

*We don't want to tread mud (or worse) onto the carpets and flooring where the babies crawl and we sit to play*

**We look after the toys and play with them correctly**

*We learn not to throw toys as this could hurt someone and/or break the toy.*

**We treat others how we would like to be treated**

*We learn good manners, 'please' and 'thank you' and are nice to each other. We do not allow any hurting of each other either by physical or verbal means.*

**We use 'indoor voices' when we are inside**

*Talking, rather than shouting, will help to create and maintain a calmer atmosphere in the house.*

**We share our toys and activities and help to tidy away when finished with them.**

*We will not fall over toys and hurt ourselves if we keep the floor tidy.*

Signed:

Date Reviewed: