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Our Commitment

At Summertime Nursery, we are committed to managing waste responsibly and reducing our impact on the environment wherever possible. We aim to minimise waste, encourage recycling, and ensure that all waste is disposed of safely, hygienically and in accordance with appropriate waste management procedures.

We encourage staff to consider the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle approach wherever practical and to separate waste correctly to maximise opportunities for recycling.

Nappy, Sanitary and Clinical Waste

Summertime Nursery uses **Initial** to provide a specialist collection and disposal service for nappy and sanitary waste.

- Nappies, used gloves, aprons and other appropriate hygiene waste are placed into a nappy liner bag within a dedicated nappy bin containing a **yellow clinical waste liner**.
- The nappy bin is located next to the changing area to ensure that waste can be disposed of safely and hygienically.
- Bags are tied securely at the end of each day, or at lunchtime if the bin becomes full.
- Sealed bags are transferred to the secure, locked **yellow waste bin** located outside the front of the building. The bin is kept locked to prevent unauthorised access.
- The sanitary waste bin, located in the disabled toilet, is emptied regularly by **Initial** as part of the specialist sanitary waste collection service.
- Any bodily fluids are contained safely using a nappy bag and disposed of through the dedicated nappy waste system.

Staff follow appropriate hygiene procedures when handling all nappy, sanitary and bodily-fluid waste, including handwashing and the use of suitable protective equipment.

General Waste, Food Waste and Recycling

We actively support recycling and the responsible disposal of everyday waste.

General waste, food waste and recyclable materials are separated where possible and taken daily to the THS commercial waste bins for collection.

At Summertime Nursery, non-hazardous waste is separated into:

- **Landfill/general waste** – waste that cannot be reused or recycled.
- **Recycling** – suitable materials such as paper, cardboard, cans, plastics and other recyclable items accepted by the commercial waste service.
- **Food waste** – food scraps and other appropriate food waste, kept separate from general waste to support responsible disposal and recycling/composting where available.

Staff are encouraged to use the correct waste stream and avoid placing recyclable materials or food waste into general waste bins.

Reducing Waste

Where practical, the nursery seeks to reduce the amount of waste it produces by:

- Avoiding unnecessary use of disposable materials.
- Purchasing responsibly and considering products with recyclable or reduced packaging.
- Separating recyclable materials from general waste.
- Encouraging children, in an age-appropriate way, to learn about caring for the environment, recycling and reducing waste.

All staff have a responsibility to follow this policy and ensure that waste is placed in the appropriate waste stream.

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