



PRIORY SCHOOL
EDGBASTON

EARLY YEARS BREASTFEEDING POLICY

(STATUTORY)

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| Trustee Committee: | Risk & Compliance | |
| Date Approved: | September 2025 | |
| Next of Review: | September 2028 | |
| Member of Staff Responsible: | Serah Mockbil – EYFS Manager | |
| Trustee Overseer: | Mr Naik | |
| Intended Audience: | Employees, Volunteers, Parents and Visitors | |
| Relevance: | Whole School | No |
| | Early Years | Yes |
| | Preparatory | No |
| | Seniors | No |
| Access: | Website | Yes |
| | Internal | No |
| | Restricted | No |

Our Mission Statement

Priory School is a thriving, co-educational independent school founded upon a rich Catholic heritage which welcomes those from all faiths and none.

In partnership with parents and guardians we provide a nurturing, family-based ethos, alongside high-standards of teaching and learning, enabling all pupils to achieve their potential.

We embrace diversity and interfaith understanding alongside awareness of environmental and global issues, in response to the needs of our time.

The Governors and staff at Priory School are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors, regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional or cultural needs.

The Governors, staff and pupils are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of pupils and staff.

To meet the needs of our school community, all our policies, including this policy, can be made available on different formats such as different font sizes or styles, colour, or alternate languages.

The Governing Council understands it has responsibility for ensuring the effective oversight of this policy and will assess, evaluate and review as necessary.

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At Priory Poppets, we aim to ensure that all breastfeeding mothers feel comfortable, supported and respected in our setting should they wish to breastfeed their baby while with us.

Respect and Choice

Members of staff will not discriminate against any parent or carer in their chosen method of infant feeding. We fully support each family's decision regarding how they feed their child.

Welcoming Environment

In partnership with parents, we display the official Breastfeeding Welcome sign in our Baby Poppets room. Mothers are welcome to breastfeed in any of our Poppets rooms, or, if privacy is preferred, in the Early Years office.

Hygiene Facilities

Handwashing facilities are available throughout the Early Years setting for use by staff, parents, and carers before and after feeding.

Expressed Milk Storage

Expressed breast milk may be stored in the fridge or freezer located in our Baby Poppets room. All milk brought into the setting must be:

- Clearly labelled with the child's full name
- Marked with the date and time it was expressed
- Marked with a use-by date in line with NHS guidelines

Handling and Preparation

Priory Poppets follows NHS guidelines for the safe storage, preparation, and defrosting of breast milk:

- Frozen milk will be defrosted in the fridge or in a bowl of warm water.
- Once defrosted, milk must not be refrozen.
- Any milk left unused after two hours will be discarded safely.

Safeguarding and Safety

Only trained members of staff are permitted to handle and prepare expressed breast milk. Staff follow strict food safety and hygiene procedures at all times.

Partnership with Parents

We work closely with parents to ensure that feeding routines are followed as consistently as possible between home and nursery. Staff are available to discuss individual needs, routines, or any concerns at any time.

Monitoring and Review

The policy is constantly being reviewed to take account of educational initiatives and respond to the future priorities of the school.

This policy will be monitored by the Early Years Manager, who will report to the Deputy Headteacher on its implementation on a regular basis. It will be reviewed by the designated member of the Governing Council