



### **Suffocation Policy and Procedure:**

At Ducklings Childcare Ltd, we carry out assessments in order to minimise the risk of suffocation. Daily checks are carried out to ensure there is nothing for babies/children to suffocate on such as:

- Mattresses are safe;
- There are no plastic bags accessible to children;
- There are no pillows, teddies or other toys in cots;
- Children are checked regularly when sleeping;
- Smoke detectors are checked regularly to reduce the risk of smoke suffocation.

In the event of a baby/child suffocating whilst at the Nursery, staff would remove the obstruction. If the child is conscious and breathing, we will contact the parent immediately to come and collect the child. However, if the child is unconscious but breathing normally, we would put in the recovery position and telephone for an ambulance then contact the parents and ask them to meet Nursery staff at the hospital. If breathing has stopped or is difficult, resuscitation would be given until the child begins to breathe normally or the ambulance arrives.

Most staff are trained in first aid and health and safety and are urged to be vigilant in recognising the risks of suffocation.