

## 01 Health and safety procedures

### 01.10 Laundry Area

#### Our Approach

At Peekaboo Childcare, we take great care to make sure laundry is handled safely and hygienically. This helps protect children, staff and families.

#### Children Are Kept Away from Laundry Areas

- Children never enter laundry rooms.
- Laundry areas are kept well ventilated, clean and organised.

#### Safe Storage of Chemicals

- All detergents, pods and cleaning products are stored out of children's reach in our store cupboards.
- We do not use biological detergents because they can cause allergies.

#### Handling Laundry Safely

- Soiled bedding or nappy cloths are placed in buckets with a disinfectant solution for at least half an hour before washing.
- If children's clothes become soiled:
  - They are wiped if necessary
  - Then placed in a nappy bag/child's wet bag and sent home for washing
- Dirty laundry and clean laundry are kept in separate baskets.

#### Staff Hygiene

- Staff always wash their hands after handling dirty laundry or laundry chemicals.
- This helps prevent cross-contamination and protects everyone's health.



## Equipment Safety

- Washing machines and dryers are switched off at the plug after use.
- Tumble dryers are never left on:
  - Overnight
  - Or at any time when the building is empty

This helps prevent fire risks and keeps the nursery safe.