



EAST SUSSEX EARLY DAYS CIC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BREAST MATES GROUPS

The IBCLCs and other volunteers facilitating the Breast Mates groups are responsible for making sure the environment is safe and responding to safeguarding concerns. A risk assessment will be carried out at the start of each group.

Our Safeguarding Lead is responsible for listening to and responding to concerns, attending relevant training, ensuring that everyone is aware of the policy and its contents, and regularly updating the safeguarding policy.

Breast Mates is a space to receive feeding support from trained volunteers. It also provides peer support and a space for socialising. Babywearing support may be available at some of the groups.

Breastfeeding support is provided entirely free from our volunteers. Donations can be made using SumUp.

These donations enable us to run the support groups, train volunteers and continue to provide drinks.

Parents are responsible for their own children at all times.

Parents are asked to ensure that they only take photographs of their own children.

The facilitators will gain written consent and confirm verbally that parents are happy to have photos taken of them/child/ren to be shared on social media. Parents have the right to refuse and to rescind that consent at any time.

All drop-ins may have children with allergies attending. We request that nuts are not consumed at the group. Please do not allow your child to walk around with a snack. This will help us to keep all children safe as well as keeping the venues tidy.

All hot drinks should have a lid.

Please do not serve drinks that have recently been made with entirely boiling water.

Any concerns should be brought to the facilitator's attention.

If volunteers are unwell and therefore unable to run the session then we may need to cancel the group if appropriate cover is not available.

We will post on our Social Media sites as soon as possible to update families on any cancellation.

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