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Care of Toys

Toys are much more appealing if they are clean and properly packaged. This information has been prepared to help you return the toys you borrow in the best possible condition.

Most toys can be cleaned using normal dishwashing liquid. We recommend using 'Spray & Wipe' or a similar cleaner for more stubborn stains. Old toothbrushes, toothpicks and cotton tips can help remove dirt from corners. Please dry toys thoroughly before returning to their packaging.

- **Wooden toys** like Brio train sets should be washed and scrubbed carefully, but do not soak them in water.
- **Construction sets** such as Duplo, can be soaked and scrubbed clean, though drying can be awkward in the 'fiddly bits', so just leave them to drain on a tea towel overnight or dry them with a hairdryer set on low.
- **Rattles and baby toys** should NOT be immersed in waters as it can damage the inside of the toys. Instead, wipe them with a wet cloth and a little detergent, then rinse well with a cloth.
- **Bath toys** must be thoroughly cleaned and please make sure they are completely dry.
- **Ride on's** should be wiped down all over (wheels included). Please do not leave outside toys out overnight, in the rain or in the hot sun as the weather will deteriorate colour and materials.
- **Costumes** must be washed and pressed (if necessary).
- **Puzzles** are easier to clean when they are complete. Give wooden puzzles a wipe over with a hot cloth and use a 'just damp' cloth to clean cardboard puzzles.
- **Games**, including boards and pieces should be wiped clean.

Packaging

- Toys should always be returned in their correct packaging.
- Do not allow children to play with boxes or bags. If damaged, they are difficult to replace and the toys become less appealing to future borrowers. Boxes needing repairing should be given to the co-ordinator.
- Puzzles are usually covered with stockings. If the stocking needs replacing, see the co-ordinator.
- All toys, games and puzzles are packaged in RAECO plastic bags, with the exception of large toys. Small pieces are packaged in a separate re-sealable bag. This is the best way to prevent any loss. If any of the sealed bags deteriorate, please let the co-ordinator know.
- Toys have a classification label identifying which category they belong to. Please help us to keep the toy room tidy by returning toys, games and puzzles to the correct shelf or hanging trolley.