



# No one likes borrowing a dirty toy

Please follow this information on how to clean your toys before returning.

*Always set aside time to clean toys before returning them. Many families do this the night before and put the toys away from the children.*

## Cleaning Kit

1. An all-purpose cleaning formula which removes grease (e.g. bi-carb soda and vinegar, dishwashing liquid, or Spray and Wipe)
2. Dish cloth (e.g. Wettex)
3. An old toothbrush
4. Wooden skewer and cotton wool, to make a very fine cotton bud
5. Tea towel

## How to do it

Where appropriate, wash the toy well in hot soapy water – using a toothbrush will help get into hard to reach places. While still damp, use the skewer cotton bud to clean all nooks and crannies and edges so that the toy is perfectly clean. Dry the toy with a tea towel or leave to dry overnight.

## Special Tips

### ***Baby Rattles***

Please remember not to immerse these toys as they collect water within which can lead to harmful bacteria developing. Ensure baby toys are rinsed thoroughly of cleaning agents.

### ***Wooden Toys and Train Sets***

Scrub well with hot soapy water and a toothbrush. These toys should not be immersed or soaked.

### ***Duplo/Lego***

Wash well with hot soapy water and a toothbrush. Rinse and leave to drain overnight.

### ***Bath toys (and toys you have used in the bath)***

These need to be cleaned and disinfected by wiping over with a suitable disinfectant. Avoid soaking them in disinfectant as this may remove the colour from plastic toys.

### ***Outdoor/Sandpit Toys***

These must be cleaned well remembering that the next member may wish to use it inside. Immerse in the laundry tub. Remove all sand and dirt and wash well with hot soapy water.

### ***Wooden Puzzles***

Wipe over all wooden pieces with a hot soapy cloth.

### ***Board Games and Cardboard Puzzles***

Wipe over with a hot damp, (not wet) cloth. Clean all puzzle and game pieces.

### ***Fabric items (Dress-ups/Puppets/Dolls Bedding/Infant Soft Toys)***

Hand wash or gentle machine wash with laundry detergent and hang to thoroughly dry.

If your child has been ill

Please disinfect the toys by wiping over with a suitable disinfectant. Avoid soaking them in disinfectant as this may remove the colour from plastic toys. Please let a member of staff know when returning so that we can isolate the toy for a period of time if required.

1. Use a neutral detergent to clean the toys



2. Wipe over with a damp dish cloth and detergent



3. Use a toothbrush for hard-to-reach places



4. Use a wooden skewer and cotton wool to clean all small spaces and edges



5. Dry the toy with a tea towel



6. Your toys are clean and ready to return!

