

United Reformed Church



Safe



feeding



environments



for babies



This church



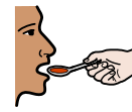
wants to



be a safe place



for infants



to be fed

by their



carers/parents.



We



will give parents



and



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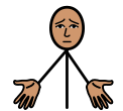


appropriate



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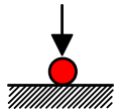
in feeding



their



infant



here

whether by



breastfeeding

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bottle.



Please



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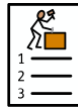


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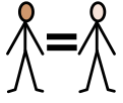


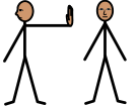





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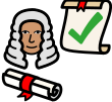












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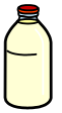

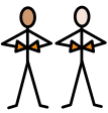
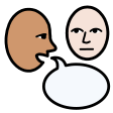

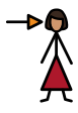

Guidelines




1. The  Equality  Act  2010 says it is  discrimination to  treat a  woman  unfavourably  because she  is breastfeeding.

2.  Women have the  right to  breastfeed their  children in  any 

 public areas of this  building  and  should be made to  feel  comfortable.

3. If a  mother  wishes to  feed her  baby in  private, or to express

 milk for her  baby,  we will  tell her  where she  might  choose

to do this –  e.g.  quiet room,  vestry, church office .

4. Toilets are not acceptable as a private space as they do not offer

a hygienic or comfortable environment.

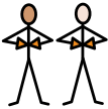





5. If there are older siblings with the parent/carer, and there is no




creche, we will try to provide a safe and appropriate space


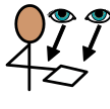



by the parent/carer with age appropriate toys.

6. We will provide information to everyone about the options for

feeding infants.

7.  We  will give support  to those  who cannot  breastfeed  their own

 children  and  are grieving about this.

8.  We  will show  our  support  for breastfeeding  with  appropriate

 public  signs.  (These are available from  URC  website.)

9.  We  will support  local,  national  and  international  campaigns that

 promote  safe  feeding  environments  for infants  and  breastfeeding.

10. We will support the International Baby Food Action Network

(IBFAN) campaigns. Whilst acknowledging that not every mother

can breastfeed, the targeting of the world's poorest nations by






large multinational companies is unacceptable





Handling Objections

1. It is the policy of this church to try and meet the needs of

all its members and visitors and make their attendance as positive



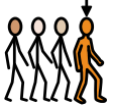




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2. If a  or  of the  objects  to a 

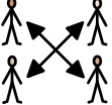


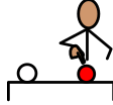


 breastfeeding, then a  conversation about the  church's  policy will be held



 and an  alternative  place will be  offered for the  person with  objections




 to sit.






3. The  policy was  discussed by  elders  and  church  members  and will






 be  reviewed annually.








 Anyone  wishing to  comment on  this  policy should  contact the








 Church  Secretary .



  
Equipment which may be helpful





    
•A comfortable chair without arm rests which is suitable to






    
use for feeding a child (breastfeeding chair).

      
•A quiet space with a small play tent, a wigwam or a

      
rug for older siblings, with age appropriate books and

 
quiet toys.

   
•Facility to warm a bottle.

    
•Facility to keep milk cold.



This



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was



adopted



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Church



Meeting



held on



Review



date: