## **💤 Safe Sleep & Personal Item Protocol – Infant Room**

*United Methodist Christian School follows Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) guidelines to ensure the highest standard of safety and care for our infants.*

### **🔐 Safe Sleep Guidelines**

* Infants will sleep in a **parent-provided pack 'n play** with a **tight-fitting crib sheet** only.
* **No blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, bumpers, or toys** are allowed in the sleep area.
* **Sleep sacks (wearable blankets)** may be used if they allow the infant’s **arms to remain free** (no swaddling).
* All infants will be placed **on their backs to sleep**, per DCF regulations.
* **Tummy time** is provided daily while babies are awake and under supervision.
* If your child uses a **pacifier**, it must:  
  + Be labeled with their name
  + Be placed in a clean container when not in use
  + **Not be attached** to clothing, clips, or stuffed animals while sleeping or at any time during care (per DCF safety rules)

### **🧺 Personal Item Storage & Daily Routine**

#### **🚼 Assigned Storage Bins**

Each child will have a labeled, individual bin where parents must place:

* Diapers, wipes, extra clothes, creams, pacifiers, and other daily care items
* Items remain at school throughout the week and are **sent home on Friday** (or the child’s last scheduled day) for cleaning and restocking

#### **🍼 Bottle Policy**

* Bottles must arrive **pre-made and clearly labeled** with:  
  + Child’s full name
  + Date and time prepared
  + Contents (e.g., breast milk, formula)
* Bottles will be **stored in a classroom refrigerator** until use
* **Bottles are sent home daily**, unwashed, so parents can monitor intake and properly clean and refill them

#### **👕 Soiled Clothing**

* Any soiled clothing will be **bagged and sent home each day**
* Please check your child’s bin daily and **replenish clean clothes** as needed