

## **Hayshire UCC's Church Nursery Guidelines for Parents**

Welcome to our nursery. This space is designed to provide a place of safety, caring and fun for our youngest church members and guests, while allowing their parents to participate in Sunday morning worship and activities. As such, the following policy is designed to protect the children, parents and volunteers who participate:

- If your child will be visiting us regularly, please complete a *Nursery Registration and Medical Information Form*, if you have not already done so.
- Please label all your child's bottles, juices, snacks and any other personal items.
- Whenever possible, pacifiers should be attached to the child.
- **Snacks:** you may provide a snack for your child. Due to the high rate of allergies, snacks containing peanut butter/nuts will not be permitted.
- If a child needs to use the bathroom, an Approved Adult will accompany him/her, unless the parent indicates that they are to be contacted, per the registration and emergency form referenced above.
- If your infant/young child needs a diaper change, you will be notified and asked to take care of the need.
- If a child is repeatedly displaying inappropriate behavior and redirecting has not worked, parents/guardian will be asked to come to the nursery.
- At least one parent/guardian shall remain in the church while the child is in the nursery after worship or other official church activities have ended.
- Children must be picked up immediately following service or church activities by a parent or a person designated on the registration and emergency contact form.
- Should an incident occur that results in physical injury, parent(s) will be notified immediately, and an Accident/Incident report will be filled out.
- A complete version of the *Nursery Protection Guidelines* from the Safe Church Policy Manual is available in the nursery at all times for your review.