

Breastfeeding Policy

Gorse Hill Baptist Church welcomes babies to be breastfed in any public area of these premises.

How we will make this happen:

All our members will support the needs and rights of mothers breastfeeding. If another visitor to the premises objects to discreet breastfeeding, they should be to the church supports breastfeeding. If the situation cannot be resolved readily, refer to one of the Deacons.

A copy of this policy will be displayed on the church noticeboard and our website.

Distributing and updating this policy is the responsibility of the Deacons who will be glad to hear comments and reports of any incidents.

If a member feels they need more guidance on this they should speak to one of the Deacons.

The church will:

- Display stickers and appropriate signage.
- Make mothers and babies welcome.
- Display the breastfeeding welcome charter

We are breastfeeding welcome:

- To support the needs of our visitors and be more family friendly.
- Babies need feeding when they ask for it. Their stomachs are small and breast milk is digested very quickly.
- Breastfeeding works best when mother and baby are both relaxed.
- Hungry, upset babies will generally be helped to calm down and become quiet when breastfeeding. This is good for all our visitors.

More information can be found at www.breastfeedingwelcomescheme.org.uk

This policy was adopted by the Deacons July 2017 and updated February 2023