

Student Placement

Policy statement

Our setting recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by early years providers. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking early years qualifications and training. We also offer placements for school pupils on work experience.

We aim to provide for students on placement with us, experiences that contribute to the successful completion of their studies and that provide examples of quality practice in early years care and education.

Procedures

- We require students on qualification courses to meet the 'suitable people' requirements of Ofsted and have DBS/CRB checks carried out.
- We require students in our setting to have a sufficient understanding and use of English to contribute to the well-being of children in our care.
- We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the setting to vouch for their good character.
- We supervise students under the age of 17 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students undertaking qualification courses who are placed in our setting on a short term basis are not counted in our staffing ratios.
- Trainee staff employed by the setting and students over the age of 17 may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent and responsible.
- We take out employers' liability insurance and public liability insurance, which covers both trainees and voluntary helpers.
- We require students to keep to our confidentiality policy.
- We co-operate with students' tutors in order to help students to fulfil the requirements of their course of study. Attendance is monitored and it is the student's responsibility to inform college or their designed training body if they are not attending their work experience.
- We provide students, at the first session of their placement, with a short induction on how our setting is managed, how our sessions are organised and our policies and procedures.
- We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualifications and training.
- We make the needs of the children paramount by not admitting students in numbers that hinder the essential work of the setting.

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Suitable People

- We ensure that trainees and students placed with us are engaged in bona fide early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.
- The student needs to be working towards an 'early years' qualification.
- The owner/management team can dismiss and terminate the student's placement at any point during their service. This is the decision of the management team. The said college or training body is informed immediately.
- The management team have the right to refuse placement.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Lambs Pre-School held on 10th February 2017.....

Signed by.....Position.....

Name.....Review date.....