



FIRST STEP PLAYGROUP



4.1 Admissions

Policy Statement

At First Step Playgroup it is our intention to make our setting accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community. We aim to ensure that all sections of our community have access to the setting through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures. To support parents in their need for quality childcare we work in partnership with our second provision, Parkhall Playgroup to offer childcare to families when they cannot be accommodated at First Step Playgroup.

Procedures

- We ensure that the existence of our setting is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.
- We ensure that information about our setting is accessible, in written and spoken form and, where appropriate. Where necessary, we will try to provide information in Braille, or through British Sign Language. We will provide translated written materials where language needs of families suggest this is required as well as access to an interpreter.
- We arrange our waiting list in birth order.
- We keep a place vacant, if this is financially viable, to accommodate an emergency admission.
- We describe our setting and its practices in terms that make it clear that it welcomes both fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including child minders.
- We describe our setting and its practices in terms of how it treats each child and their family, having regard to their needs arising from their gender, special educational needs, disabilities, social background, religion, ethnicity or from English being a newly acquired additional language.
- We describe our setting and its practices in terms of how it enables children and/or parents with disabilities to take part in the life of the setting.
- We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group.
- We make our Equal Opportunities Policy widely known.
- We consult with families about the opening times of the setting to ensure we accommodate a broad range of family need.
- We are flexible about attendance patterns to accommodate the needs of individual children and families, providing these do not disrupt the pattern of continuity in the setting that provides stability for all the children.

Held on

24th May 2019

Signed on behalf of the management

Name of signatory

Angie Kelly

Role of signatory

Playgroup Manager

Reviewed on

07 October 2020

Reviewed

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