

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Information and Records

Providers must maintain records and obtain and share information to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting, and to help ensure the needs of all children are met.

Admissions

Policy statement

It is our intention to make our school 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 school through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

Procedures

- We ensure that the existence of our school is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.
- We ensure that information about our school is accessible, using simple plain English, in written and spoken form and, where appropriate, provided in different community languages and in other formats on request.
- We arrange our waiting list in order of registration. In addition, our policy may take into account:
 - the age of the child, with priority given to children who are eligible for the free entitlement – including eligible two year old children;
 - the length of time on the waiting list;
 - the vicinity of the home to the setting;
 - whether any siblings already attend the setting; and
 - the capacity of the setting to meet the individual needs of the child.
- We offer funded places in accordance with the Code of Practice for ... and any local conditions in place at the time.
- We keep a place vacant, if this is financially viable, to accommodate an emergency admission.
- Our school and its practices are welcoming and make it clear that fathers, mothers, other relations and carers are all welcome.
- Our school and its practices operate in a way that encourages positive regard for and understanding of difference and ability - whether gender, family structure, class, background, religion, ethnicity or competence in spoken English.
- We support children and/or parents with disabilities to take full part in all activities within our school.

- We monitor the needs and background of children joining our school on the Registration Form, to ensure that no accidental or unintentional discrimination is taking place.
- We share and widely promote our Valuing Diversity and Promoting Equality Policy.
- 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.
- Once children reach age 5 they are required to attend full-time and no flexibility is offered in the attendance pattern for the children.
- Failure to comply with the terms and conditions may ultimately result in the provision of a place being withdrawn.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher or as and when the need arises.