2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 BACKGROUND

We are a community-based charity Pre-School run by local parents and staffed by experienced, long-standing, qualified personnel. More information about the Pre-School can be found on our website, http://seergreenpreschool.co.uk/ including information on the following (relevant webpage is provided for ease of reference):

- Our mission statement (homepage)
- Our aims (about us)
- How we support the children's learning, through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), a statutory framework that all Ofsted registered Early Years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe (about us/curriculum and activities)

Important information for parents can also be found on the parents page of the website.

2.2 RIGHTS RESPECTING SETTING

We are delighted to have been a rights respecting setting since receiving the Rights Respecting Settings Award from UNICEF in 2013. This is more than just an award to us; it is something that we want to embed into our ethos and everyday life at Seer Green Pre-School.

We have shown our commitment to advocating the rights of children, listening to the children's voice and becoming global citizens.

Schools and settings who have taken part in this initiative have reported a wide range of benefits for the children. These include an increase in self-esteem and increased global awareness. It also contributes towards the development of positive behaviour and enables the development of a culture of respect. In addition, children's right to express their views in matters that affect them are respected and children become advocates for other children.

We include in our policies where relevant the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (the basis of all UNICEF's work) reference.

2.3 RELATIONSHIP WITH SEER GREEN CE COMBINED SCHOOL

The Pre-School benefits from the close links it has established with Seer Green CE Combined School. Fridays are reserved for our older children only (those starting school the following September), and on these days we phase in the children attending school's morning breaktime, having their lunch in the school hall and visiting the school library. This helps prepare children for the transition to school life.

Entry to the school is by application to Buckinghamshire County Council and is not automatic from the Pre-School. Buckinghamshire County Council will automatically send a request to you to apply for your child's school place.

The following websites have further information on school applications:

- www.buckscc.gov.uk/schools/admissions
- www.seergreen.bucks.sch.uk