



40. Working in Partnership with Other Agencies

Aims of Policy

We work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all children.

Procedures

- We work in partnership or in tandem with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of children.
- Policies are in place for the sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the 'Safeguarding Children Policy - Information Sharing' (Policy 26), broader 'Safeguarding Children' policies (Policies 22 to 30) and the 'Equality of Opportunity Policy – Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)' (Policy 11).
- Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third party information. This is kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
- When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected.
- We follow the protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.
- Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the setting and do not have unsupervised access to any other child(ren) during their visit.
- Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.
- When necessary we consult with local and national agencies who offer a wealth of advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.

As with all the policies for Seer Green Pre-School, the Operational Plan should be referred to for the specific details of day to day operations of the Pre-School. In addition, any issues which arise in the course of a child's time with the Pre-School and that are related to a child's health and wellbeing, parent's or staff's concern, or the overall care and safety of our children, staff, parents and equipment will be dealt with in a professional and confidential manner in order to arrive at an appropriate outcome.

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Signed on behalf of Seer Green Pre-School (Chairperson) _____

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