

# **Student placements**

## **Policy Statement**

This setting recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by early years settings. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking early year's training as part of their qualification.

We do not offer placements to school students on work experience weeks.

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 have a clear DBS check.
- We supervise students at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent.
- 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.
- 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.
- Children of our staff members will only be permitted to have a student placement at our setting if it is deemed appropriate by committee chair, Lead Practitioner and all other members of staff including the parent.
- We ensure that trainees and students placed with us are engaged in bona fide courses, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

This policy was adopted at a meeting for Addingham Pre School Committee	Date:
Name of person signing on behalf of the committee	
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Role of person signing on behalf of committee	