

Student Placements Policy

Policy Statement

This Pre-school recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by early years Pre-schools. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking early years qualifications and training. We also offer placements for school pupils on work experience.

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 meet the 'suitable person' requirements of Ofsted and have DBS checks carried out.
- ↗ We require students in our setting to have a sufficient understanding and use of English to contribute to the well-being of children in our care.
- ↗ We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the Preschool to vouch for their good character.
- ↗ We supervise students under the age of 17 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- ↗ Students undertaking qualification courses who are placed in our Preschool on a short term basis are not counted in our staffing ratios.
- ↗ Trainee staff employed by the Pre-school 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 Pre-school 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 Preschool.
- ↗ We ensure that trainees and students placed with us are engaged in bona fide early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

See also – Induction of Staff, Volunteers and Leaders Policy.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Pickering Pre-School Playgroup held on 31st August 2023.

Date to be reviewed – Before end of August 2024.

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory – Richard Allenby (Chairperson).