

Transfer of Records Policy

Policy statement

We recognise that children sometimes move to another early years setting before they go on to school although many will leave our Preschool to enter a nursery or reception class. We prepare children for these transitions and involve parents and the receiving setting in this process. We prepare records about a child's development and learning in the EYFS in our Pre-school; in order to enable smooth transitions we share appropriate information with the receiving setting or school at transfer. Confidential records are shared where there have been child protection concerns according to the process required by our North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Procedures

Transfer of development records for a child moving to another early years setting or school

- ↗*** Using the EYFS assessment of development and learning ensure the key person prepares a summary of achievements in the seven areas of learning and development.
- ↗*** This record refers to any additional language spoken by the child and his or her progress in both languages.
- ↗*** The record also refers to any additional needs that have been identified or addressed by the Preschool.
- ↗*** The record also refers to any special needs or disability and whether a CAF was raised in respect of special needs or disability, whether there is a Statement of Special Educational Needs and gives the name of the lead professional.
- ↗*** The record contains a summary by the key person and a summary of the parent's view of the child.
- ↗*** The document may be accompanied by other evidence such as photos or drawings that the child has made.
- ↗*** For transfer to school, most local authorities provide an assessment summary format or a transition record for the Preschool to follow.
- ↗*** If there have been any welfare or protection concerns a star is placed on the front of the assessment record.

Transfer of confidential information

- ↗*** The receiving school or setting will need to have a record of concerns that were raised in the Preschool and what was done about them.
- ↗*** A summary of the concerns will be made to send to the receiving setting or school along with the date of the last professional meeting or case conference. Some Local Safeguarding Children Boards will stipulate the forms to be used and provide these.
- ↗*** Where a CAF has been raised in respect of any welfare concerns the name and contact details of the lead professional will be passed on to the receiving setting or school.
- ↗*** Where there has been a Section 47 investigation regarding a child protection concern the name and contact details of the child's social worker will be passed on to the receiving Preschool or school – regardless of the outcome of the investigation.
- ↗*** This information is posted or taken to the school or Preschool, addressed to the Preschool or school's designated person for child protection and marked confidential.

Legal framework. Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000, Human Rights Act 1998, Children Act 1989

Further guidance. What to do if you are Worried a Child is Being Abused (HMG 2015), Information Sharing: Guidance for Staff and Preschool Leaders (DCSF 2008)

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).