

Policy on Student Placement

We recognise 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 Years qualification and training or school work placement.

We aim to provide students with experiences that contribute to the successful completion of their studies and will cooperate with tutors/college/school in order to help students fulfil the requirements of their course of study. This will include, where deemed appropriate, attending staff and planning meetings.

Students are welcomed on the following conditions:

- Students must be confirmed by their tutor/college/school as being engaged in a bona fide Childcare/Early Years course.
- We require all students to be CRB cleared in accordance with statutory requirements.
- We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years, to vouch for their good character.
- Students under the age of 17 years are not permitted to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students placed on a short term basis are not counted in staffing ratios.
- Trainee staff either volunteer or paid may be counted in ration if deemed competent.
- We require students to sign our confidentiality policy and abide by it.
- We provide new students with an induction on how our setting is managed and organised as well as making them aware of our policies and procedures.
- Students required to conduct child studies will first obtain permission from the parents of the child/ren to be studied.
- We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualification and training.
- We ensure the needs of the children are paramount by not admitting students in numbers that would hinder the essential work of our setting.
- We require all students to respect our dress code.
- We will offer support and guidance to all students.

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