



Out of School Policy

Bearhugs Nurseries Ltd. has a programme of activities which is full of exciting, challenging and interesting play opportunities. We endeavour to create an environment that is a contrast from school giving children a sense of freedom within a framework of safety. Both outdoors and indoor play activities will be on offer throughout the session. We aim to meet all requirements for delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in out-of-school provision both in Safeguarding and Welfare and Learning and Development.

The EYFS is not a school curriculum. It is a framework for delivering high-quality care and education for children from birth to the 31st August following their fifth birthday (Early Years age group). As we provide childcare in the Early Year's age group and are registered on the Early Years Register we will follow the EYFS.

This means that we will:

- Meet the individual needs of all the children we look after.
- Support every child so that no group or individual is disadvantaged.
- Help children make the best possible progress in their learning and development and promote safety and welfare.
- Work with others to make sure we provide good-quality early education and care.
- Plan for improvement and have effective processes for self-evaluation.

All children in the EYFS age group will be allocated a 'Key Person'.

We will observe children and plan around their interests.

We will work in partnership with parents and other professionals to ensure that the individual needs of children are met.

Out of school children and the rest of the nursery

Our out of school club children will utilise our pre-school rooms after school each day and during the holidays.

When numbers of afterschool/Holiday club children are low (4 children or less) these children will remain in the same room as our pre-school aged children (3-4 Years of age). These will be supervised as with all of our children in this room in a minimum 1:8 ratio.

At the beginning and end of each day all ages may mix when numbers across the whole nursery are very low. This will be supervised heavily and will follow strict guidelines as laid out in the EYFS (DfE 2017).

With regards to be outside time these different age groups may also mix, however, these will again be heavily supervised.

Whilst there is a difference in age we believe in the natural scaffolding that occurs between older and younger children and this supports our home from home, family ethos.

Where numbers are higher (5 or more children) provisions will be made to separate these ages by either pre-school children going through into our two rooms or by making use of additional spaces. If siblings attend allowances may be made to this.

Signed on behalf of Bearhugs Nurseries Ltd by:

Manager/Owner

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