

# CHILDREN IN CARE POLICY

## Statement of Intent

To promote the educational achievement and welfare of children in care.

## Aim

To have in place procedures for liaison with the External Agencies so that all aspects of the child's care are considered.

## Definition

A "Child in care" may be living:

- With foster carers
- In a children's home
- In a residential school
- With relatives
- With parents (under supervision of Social Services)
- Under a Police Protection Order
- Under an Emergency Protection Order

It is therefore imperative that no assumptions are made based on a child's living arrangements.

## Method

- To have a designated person responsible for the overall care of Children in Care. This will be Jill Matthews, the playgroup's Special Needs Co-ordinator.
- To attend relevant training concerning Children in Care.
- To ensure the provision of Personal Educational Plans in conjunction with the relevant agencies and to prepare it within the appropriate timescales.
- To be an advocate for Children in Care being able to attend Early Years Settings.
- To ensure that the staff and committee have the relevant information on children in care so they can positively understand and promote educational issues and care.
- To urgently convene a multi-agency meeting if the child in care is experiencing difficulties at the setting or is in danger of being excluded.
- To ensure a protocol for sharing relevant information about the care and education of children in care is established and maintained.

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*Signed on behalf of the Playgroup Committee*