

STUDENT PLACEMENT POLICY

Statement of Intent

We recognise that the quality and variety of work which goes on in a Playgroup makes it an ideal place for students on placement from school and college childcare courses as well as those on the higher educational courses. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placement to students undertaking early years' qualification and training, including those studying for the CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Pre-School Practice and CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Pre-School Practice.

Aim

We aim to provide for students on placement with us, experiences which contribute to the successful completion of their studies and which provide examples of quality practice in early years care and education.

Methods

- We require students to meet the 'suitable person' requirements of Ofsted.
- The needs of the children are paramount. Students will not be admitted in numbers which hinder the essential work of the Playgroup.
- Students must be confirmed by their tutor as being engaged in a bona fide childcare course that provides necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.
- Students required to conduct child studies will obtain written permission from the parents of the child to be studied.
- Any information gained by the students about the child, families or other adults in the Playgroup must be kept confidential.
- We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the playgroup to vouch for their good character. These students are supervised at all times and not allowed unsupervised access to children.
- Unless registered as a 'FIT' person (holding the necessary DC2), students will not have unrestricted access to children.
- We co-operate with students' tutors in order to help students to fulfil the requirements of their course of study.
- We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualifications and training.

*This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Playgroup held on 3rd April 2006
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Signed on behalf of the Playgroup Committee