



Partnership - 3.2 Working in partnership with other agencies.

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Policy Statement

Starlings Preschool promotes working with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all children.

Procedures

We work in partnership or in tandem with, local and national agencies to promote the well-being of children.

Parents are informed and consent sought when information regarding their children is to be shared with other professionals, except where we believe or are advised that to do so would present a safeguarding risk to a child or young person.

Procedures are in place for sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the Information Sharing Protocol, Safeguarding Children procedures and the Special Educational Needs Procedures.

Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third party information. This is also kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.

When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected.

We follow the protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.

Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the setting and do not have access to any other child(ren) during their visit.

Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.

When necessary, we consult with local and national agencies who offer a wealth of advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who



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can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.

Guidance

Working together to safeguard children

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/942454/Working_together_to_safeguard_children_inter_agency_guidance.pdf

Information sharing

<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/professionals/information-sharing/>
<https://hipsprocedures.org.uk/skyytq/safeguarding-partnerships-and-organisational-responsibilities/information-sharing>

SEN Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-early-years-settings>

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Signed on behalf of the management committee

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