



## **Student placements and Apprentices**

### **Policy statement**

This setting recognises 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 and other relevant qualifications and training. We also offer placements for school pupils on work experience.

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

In addition we offer Apprenticeships to people that meet the safer recruitment requirements (see policy). We use an external training provider to provide the necessary assignments to obtain either a level 2 or 3 childcare qualification. The Apprentice is expected to follow the requirements set out by the training provider and to follow the preschool policies and procedures during their Apprenticeship.

### **Procedure**

- We require students and apprentices on qualification courses to meet the 'suitable person' requirements of Ofsted and have DBS checks carried out if over the age of 16.
- We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the setting to vouch for their good character.
- We supervise students and apprentices under the age of 18 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.

