**Working in partnership with other agencies Policy statement**

We work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well- being of all children**.**

**Procedures**

Procedures are in place for sharing information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the Information Sharing Policy, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy and the Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs Policy.

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 at the preschool and their professional roles are respected.

Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the preschool and do not have access to any other child or children during their visit.

Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child or 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 can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic and cultural organisations, drug and alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.