

Tummy Tickles Day Care

Continuity of care policy

The conditions of my registration with OFSTED, allow me alone, to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight. (If I have an assistant they too can care for six children during a working day alongside me.) Of these six children, a maximum of three may be young children under the age of five, and there should only be one child under the age of one. Any care provided for older children must not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision. (*My setting is an Early Years Setting only so I only care for the young children (0-5 years)*)

If I can demonstrate to parents and/or carers that the individual needs of all children are being met, in exceptional circumstances the statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage EYFS 2017 permits me to care for sibling babies, which means then that I can look after two babies or four children in the early years age group, if I am asked to provide a space for parents who already are using me.

The flexibility in the conditions of my registration allows me to respond very quickly to requests from parents and to offer continuity of care for those children who already attend my setting, as they will be able to stay with me in a settled environment, playing with friends they already have, rather than having to leave because I cannot accommodate the changing family circumstances quickly enough.

I regularly assess and question whether I am meeting all the children's needs by observing their play on a daily basis, monitoring their wellbeing on a daily basis and assessing their development using Tapestry, my online learning journal. I also ensure that I have over the ratio of adults in the setting that is required of me which means that your child is experiencing very low ratios and I feel this means it should not impact on their development at all.

I am happy to discuss any concerns parents may have about this arrangement at a time suitable to us both so please do not hesitate to contact me should you feel your child is affected by this additional ratio number.

If you would like further information about the Early Years Foundation stage ratios, please see the EYFS 2017 document on the [here](#).

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