



Staff Induction and Development

Each new member of staff at Little Hens Childcare receives a copy of all of the Nursery's policies and procedures. Within the first month of their employment, the Manager will discuss the practical implications of the Nursery's policies and procedures with them. The new staff member will sign the Policy Confirmation Slip to confirm that they have read and understood the Nursery's policies.

All new staff will receive induction training which will include:

- Introduction to their colleagues, children and parents or carers
- Tour of the premises including identification of all fire exits, location of first aid kit and fire safety equipment, and information about the emergency evacuation procedures, outside play areas, fire assembly points, collection points at the school, route from the school to the Setting etc, and identification of any known hazards
- Thorough briefing about the Nursery's safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures and about our Equal Opportunities policy
- Location of Nursery's records and documentation, storage, toilets etc
- Overview of all aspects of the day-to-day management and running of the Nursery
- Explanation of the processes for appraisals, training and development, booking holidays, sickness absence, staffing rota, etc

Development and training

To ensure that staff development needs are being met, and that staff training and qualifications are meeting the requirements of the Nursery and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, we provide all our staff with:

- a thorough induction process
- a system of regular appraisals and reviews
- opportunities for training and professional development

We also keep an up to date record of staff qualifications and maintain a training development plan.

Appraisals and reviews

The Directors and the Manager will hold an annual appraisal meeting with individual staff. The appraisal will reflect on progress and challenges over the previous year and identify current knowledge and skills, areas for future development and potential training needs.

The Directors and the Manager will hold quarterly reviews with staff to monitor their professional development and their progress with regards to the targets set, and issues raised, during their annual appraisals.

Training

The Directors and the Manager will identify and promote suitable training courses for staff so that they can develop professionally and keep their knowledge of childcare and play work issues up to date. Staff are expected to attend training courses as and when requested by the Manager.

Staff Meetings

Staff meetings provide a forum in which staff can share information, solve problems, child protection training and raise work issues. Staff meetings are held every term.