

**TRANSITION POLICY**

Pegasus Childcare Centre recognises that young children will experience many transitions in their early years: some of these planned and some unplanned.

Some examples of transitions that young children and babies may experience are:

* Starting nursery
* Starting school
* Family breakdowns
* New siblings
* Moving house
* Death of a family member or pet

Staff at Pegasus Childcare Centre are highly trained and experienced to observe their key child and be sensitive to any changes in their behaviour or personality. We respectfully ask that parents/guardians inform us of any changes in their home environment that may impact on their child so staff are aware of any changes in a child's behaviour.

**Starting Pegasus Childcare Centre**

We recognise that starting Pegasus Childcare Centre may be difficult for some children and their families. We have a settling in and child induction policy to support the child and their family.

**Starting school or moving childcare providers**

Starting school is an important transition and some children may feel anxious or distressed. At Pegasus Childcare Centre we will do all we can to minimise any distress anxiety to aid a smooth transition.

Some examples of things we might do to promote smooth transition.

* Provide a variety of sources that relate to a particular school such as dressing up in school uniform and accessories, photographs of school and classroom role play.
* Invite school representatives from the local community into Pegasus Childcare Centre to introduce themselves to children to build familiarity with them.
* Provide feedback on every child starting school to their prospective schools to identify strengths, interests and any additional support needed.

**Other early years providers**

Where children are attending other early years settings, we will collaborate with them to share relevant information about a child’s development.

**Family breakdowns**

We recognise that when parents separate it can be a difficult situation for all concerned. We have a separated families policy that shows how the nursery will act in the best interest of the child.

**Moving home and new siblings**

We recognise that these events may have an impact on the child. We respectfully ask where appropriate that staff can be informed so that we can support the child to be prepared.

**Bereavement**

We recognise that this may be a very difficult time for children and their families and have a separate policy on bereavement which we follow to help us offer support to all concerned should this be required.

***If parents feel that their child requires additional support because of any changes in their life, we ask that you speak to the nursery manager and key person to enable this support to be put into place.***

*This Policy and Procedure has been adopted by Pegasus Childcare Centre*

**This policy was reviewed and adopted on** 1st July 2024

**Signed (Manager)**

**Signed (Chair)**

The Policy will be reviewed every two years.

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