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<u>Transition Policy and Procedures (Updated for 2025 Standards)</u>

Introduction

Transitions are significant milestones in a child's learning journey. They represent exciting opportunities for growth but can also introduce uncertainty. We believe that effective transitions are a structured, ongoing process rather than a single event. Our approach focuses on emotional support, inclusivity, collaboration, and modern best practices to ensure every child and family experiences a smooth transition.

Supporting Transitions Into the Setting (Gathering Information About the Child)

- Families and guardians receive secure digital registration packs before their child starts, ensuring information is collected in advance. Forms include general child details, medical information, permissions, and emergency contacts.
- If a child transfers from another setting, we collaborate with their previous provider to securely exchange relevant information for a smooth transition.

Providing Information and Support to Families

- A digital Welcome Pack is provided via email, including an interactive guide on what to expect.
- Our open-door communication policy allows guardians to contact us through various channels, including secure messaging platforms and virtual meetings.
- Monthly updates are shared through a digitally accessible newsletter for ongoing engagement.

Supporting Children to Settle

- Children under two years are offered three free 1-hour familiarization visits, customized to meet individual needs.
- Personalized transition activities are developed based on information provided by families, ensuring engagement and comfort.
- Each child is assigned a primary key worker and a buddy key worker based on observed bonding patterns. Families meet the key worker virtually or in person before allocation is finalized.

- Children transition from Nursery (0–2 years) to Pre-School (2 years–4 years 11 months) at a developmentally appropriate time.
- The transition process includes multiple visits to the new environment with their key worker, ensuring familiarity and comfort.
- Each child is supported at their own pace, recognizing that some may require extended adjustment periods.

Family Support During Transitions

- Families receive transition guidance before their child moves rooms.
- Guardians meet the new key worker virtually or in person and visit the new space to facilitate a seamless transition.

Information Sharing Between Staff

- Digital child progress records ensure smooth information transfer between key workers.
- Updates include developmental milestones, personalized learning plans, and notes on individual strengths and challenges.

Managing Transitions to School (or Another Provider) (Information Sharing)

- Transition reports are provided to schools via secure digital platforms.
- Schools are invited to observe children within our setting, with virtual alternatives offered when visits are not feasible.
- Families provide written consent before child information is shared with schools, ensuring transparency.

Supporting Children with Additional Needs

- The school SENDCo is invited to conduct digital or in-person observations to facilitate a structured transition.
- Safeguarding concerns are securely transferred to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, ensuring continuity of care.
- All Child Protection information follows proper legal protocols for secure transfer.

Helping Children Prepare for School

- On-site school transition visits are arranged in collaboration with Purfleet Primary Academy.
- Guardians provide written consent for their child to participate in these visits.
- Staff ensure road safety measures by accompanying children and carrying emergency supplies.

Building Independence for School Readiness

- Children are supported in developing independence, including:
- o Practicing personal hygiene routines (handwashing, self-care).
- o Learning to dress and undress independently (coats, buttons, zippers).
- Writing and recognizing their own name following updated DfE guidelines.
- o Participating in interactive school-related role play (school home corner, classroom images).
- o Developing social and emotional readiness through mindfulness exercises and selfregulation activities.

Commitment to Inclusion, Well-being, and Sustainability

- Neurodivergent-friendly transition strategies are implemented, ensuring all children receive tailored support.
- Staff receive annual mental health awareness training to facilitate emotionally secure transitions.
- Digital resources and paperless registration promote environmental sustainability.
- Families are encouraged to join virtual Q&A sessions to ensure they feel informed and supported.

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