

Working in Partnership with Other Agencies

Policy statement

At Little Learners we work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all our children.

Our Procedures

- We work collaboratively with external agencies to ensure children and families receive appropriate support when needed.
- We work in partnership with Local Safeguarding Partners, children's social care, health professionals, educational specialists and other relevant agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare and wellbeing of children.
- Procedures are in place for the sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in our Data Protection, Safeguarding and SEN policies and Child Protection procedures.
- Information will normally only be shared with external agencies with parental consent. However, consent is not required where there are safeguarding concerns and information sharing is necessary to protect a child from harm or to fulfil a statutory duty.
- 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.
- We promote a regular two-way flow of information with parents, carers, professionals and other settings attended by the child to support continuity of care, learning, development and safeguarding.
- When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected.
- We follow protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.
- Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the setting and do not have access to any other child/ren during their visit.
- Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.
- Where a child requires additional support or has identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), we work collaboratively with parents, our SENCO, health professionals, local authority services and other relevant agencies to ensure children receive appropriate support.
- When necessary, we consult with local and national agencies who offer a wealth of advice and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education or adult education.

This policy meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework effective from 1 September 2026.

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