

Fledglings Day Nursery Play Policy

Rationale

This setting recognises children's right to play, as contained in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1991. We support playing as integral to children's enjoyment of their lives, their health and their development. Children and young people – disabled and non disabled – whatever their age, culture, ethnicity or social and economic background, need and want to play, indoors and out, in whatever way they can. Through playing, children are creating their own culture, developing their abilities, exploring their creativity and learning about themselves, other people and the world around them (Play England).

Aims

- To run in accordance with the playwork principles
- To support and facilitate the play process within our setting
- To create a space which enables children to access freely chosen play
- To foster independence and self esteem.

Policy

Our responses to children and young people playing will be based on a sound up to date knowledge of play and reflective practice. We will support staff to undertake playwork training and to keep up to date with developments in playwork.

Our practitioners will work with children and young people to help extend their play. All playworker intervention will balance risk with the developmental benefit and well being of children. Practitioners should recognise the importance of free play with minimal intervention whilst keeping children safe from harm.

Our practitioners will aim to create a varied and interesting environment that stimulates social, physical, creative, emotional and intellectual play. We will plan activities and provide resources that are based on children's interests and support individual children's needs, that children can select to develop their own play. We will regularly evaluate practice and resources and renew these when necessary.

We will consult with children and parents about the provision in a variety of ways on a regular basis. Consultation methods will include discussions, a suggestion box and observations of children.

For more information on the playwork principles, go to;

http://www.skillsactive.com/PDF/sectors/Playwork_Principles.pdf

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