



Bear Flat Pre School

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Student Placement Policy

Statement of intent

This setting recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by early years settings. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking early years qualifications and training, including those studying for the CACHE level 2 Certificate in Pre-school Practice and CACHE level 3 Diploma in Pre-school Practice.

Aim

We aim to provide students on placement with us with experiences that contribute to the successful completion of their studies and that provide examples of quality practice in early years care and education.

Methods

We require that students meet the 'suitable person' requirements of Ofsted.

We require schools placing students under the age of 17 years with the setting to vouch for their good character.

We supervise students at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.

Students who are under the age of 17 cannot count towards the ratio. Those aged 17 and over who are on long term placements may be included in the ratios if the Pre-school leader is satisfied they are competent and responsible and may have unsupervised access to the children if they have been CRB checked.

Trainee staff employed by the setting may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent.

We take out employer's liability insurance and public liability insurance, which covers both trainees and voluntary helpers.

We require students to keep to our confidentiality policy.

We co-operate with students' tutors in order to help students to fulfill the requirements of their course of study.

We provide students, at the first session of their placement, with a short induction on how our setting is managed, how our sessions are organised and let them read our policies and procedures.

We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualifications and training.

We make the needs of the children paramount by not admitting students in numbers that hinder the essential work of the setting.

We ensure that trainees and students placed with us are engaged in bona fide early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

Policy Adopted on Behalf of the Pre-school Committee by:
(Chairperson)

Date: