

Partnership

4.4 Working in partnership with other agencies

Policy Statement

We work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all children.

Procedures

- Procedures are in place for sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the Information Sharing Protocol, Safeguarding Children procedures and the Special Educational Needs Procedures. We use Egress to share confidential documents.
- Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third party information. This is kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
- 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 the 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 or any other child(ren) during their visit.
- When necessary we consult with local and national agencies to seek advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisor's or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.