



Student placement policy

Statement of intent

Our 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.

Aim

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

Methods

- We require students to 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 under the age of 17 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students who are placed in our setting on a short-term basis are not counted in our Early Years Educators/child ratios.
- Trainee Early Years Educators employed by the setting may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent.
- We hold employers' 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 fulfil 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 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 undertake early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Pippins Pre-school and Nursery

Held on Thursday 9th October 2025

Signed on behalf of the Management Trustee Directors

Role of signatory (e.g. chair etc.)

Chair

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