



Abbey Wood Grange Day Nursery

Arrivals and Departure Policy

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At Abbey Wood Grange we give a warm welcome and goodbye to every child and family on their arrival and departure, as well as ensuring the safety of children, parent/carers, visitors, employees, volunteers and students.

Parents/carers are requested to pass the care of their child to a member of staff who will ensure his/her safety. The staff member receiving the child immediately records his/her arrival in the daily attendance register. The staff member also records any specific information provided by the parents/carers, including the child's experiences and observations from home.

If the parent/carer requests the child is given medicine during the day the staff member must ensure that the medication procedure is followed.

If the child is to be collected by someone who is not the parent at the end of the session, there is an agreed procedure that must be followed to identify the designated person. Photo identification sent via email and/or a password are also required where possible for the designated adult. Parents/carers are informed about these arrangements and reminded about them regularly. Other than the parent/s or legal guardian of the child, we do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to collect. If anyone under the age of 18 arrives to collect a child, the parent/carer will be contacted.

If a practitioner is handed a child they do not recognise they are to alert Management immediately to confirm that the child attends the setting. This is to be done before the adult leaves the premises.

The child's key person or other nominated staff member must plan the departure of the child. This should include opportunities to discuss the child's day with the parent/carer in addition to what may already be shared via electronic systems, e.g. meals, sleep time, activities, interests, progress and friendships. The parent/carer should be told about any accidents or incidents and the appropriate records must be signed by the parent/carer before departure. Where applicable, all medicines should be recovered from the medicine box/fridge after the parent/carer has arrived and handed to him/her personally. The medication policy is to be followed regarding parent/carer signature.

The nursery will not release a child to anyone other than the known parent/carer unless an agreement has been made at the time of arrival. In the case of any emergency such as a parent/carer being delayed and arranging for a designated adult to collect a child, the parent/carer should inform the designated person of the agreed procedure and contact the nursery about the arrangements as soon as possible. If in any doubt the nursery will check

the person's identity by ringing the child's parent/carer or their emergency contact number (please refer to the late collection policy).

On departure, the staff member releasing the child must mark the child register immediately marked to show that the child has left the premises.

Parents/carers will be informed and reminded not to allow any other person onto the premises when dropping-off or collecting even if they are known to them or the setting, this is to ensure the safety at all times.

In the unlikely event that someone gains unauthorised access to the premises and if it feels safe to do so, a member of staff will ask the person the purpose of their visit. If needed our lockdown procedure will be initiated by staff and the police will be called. (Refer to lockdown procedure). In any cases where someone has gained unauthorised access to the premises, we will revisit our arrivals and departures procedures and risk assessment.

Adults arriving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
Please refer to the alcohol and substance misuse policy.

Arrivals and departures of visitors

For arrivals and departures of visitors the nursery requires appropriate records to be completed on entry and exit e.g. in the visitors' book. Please refer to supervision of visitors policy for further information.

Staff, Students and Volunteers

Staff, students and volunteers are responsible for ensuring they sign themselves in and out of the building, including on breaks and lunchtimes.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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