



Centre

Wattisham Airfield Childcare

Student Placement

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. We can also offer up to 2 placements for school pupils on work experience.

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

Procedures

- We require mature students on qualification courses to meet the 'suitable person' requirements of Ofsted and have DSB checks carried out.
- We supervise students under the age of 18 years at all times and do not allow them to have unsupervised access to children.
- Students undertaking qualification courses who are placed in our setting on a short-term basis are not counted in our staffing ratios.
- Trainee staff employed by the setting may be included in the ratios if they are deemed competent.
- We take out employers' liability insurance and public liability insurance, which covers both trainees and voluntary helpers.
- We require students to sign and agree 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 recommend that all students on placement visit the setting before the start of the placement.
- We provide students, at the first session of their placement, with an 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 placed with us are engaged in early years training, which provides the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of _____ name of setting
 Held on _____ (date)
 Date to be reviewed _____ (date)
 Signed on behalf of the management _____
 committee _____
 Name of signatory _____
 Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) _____

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