08 Staff, volunteers and students policy

Alongside associated procedures in 08.1-08.3 Staff, volunteers and students, this policy was adopted by Hopscotch Playgroup Co-operative CIC on 24th January 2023.



Aim

Staff are deployed to meet the care and learning needs of children and ensure their safety and well-being. There are effective systems in place to ensure that adults looking after children are suitable to do so.

Objectives

- All staff and volunteers who work more than occasionally with the children have enhanced DBS disclosure checks.
- All staff and volunteers receive an induction to the setting and an appropriate probationary period is in place.
- All staff and volunteers working with children have appropriate training, skills, and knowledge.
- All staff, students and volunteers are deployed in accordance with the procedures.
- There is a complaints procedure and staff, and volunteers know how to complain and who they complain to.
- Ofsted are notified of changes to the nominated individual/registered person and changes to the setting's name or address.

Legal references

Protection of Children Act 1999

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

Childcare Act 2006

Further guidance

Recruiting Early Years Staff (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2016)

People Management in the Early Years (Pre-school Learning Alliance)