



Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

1.7 Stay and Play Policy

Stay and Play objectives

We offer stay and play sessions to parents/grandparents/carers in the preschool room, whose children are well settled and understand that these are one off sessions and that their parent/grandparent/carer is going to leave after an hour.

For younger children or children not yet fully settled, stay and play is not beneficial as they get very upset when their parent/grandparent/carer leaves after an hour.

Stay and play sessions are an opportunity for the parent to get to know the nursery routine, meet their child's friends and the staff team, especially their child's key person, who leads the session. It is an informal opportunity to ask questions about their child and our nursery routine as well as gaining an insight into how children learn through play and what the objective behind our planned activities is.

Stay and Play sessions are one hour long, only one parent/grandparent/carer is booked in at any one time.

Stay and Play guidance is given out to parents/grandparents/carers at the beginning of the session. See below:

Stay and Play guidance for parents

This guide is to ensure the safety and welfare of the children, to protect you whilst in the nursery and to ensure that your session is enjoyable.

Please be aware of the following:

- Leave your belongings in the office, away from little fingers. **Mobile phones are not allowed in the children's rooms**, so please ensure your mobile stays in the office as well.
- Other children may join your activity, which is a great opportunity to meet some of your child's friends in nursery. Please let a member of staff know if any of them ask for help going to the toilet or changing their clothes. Even if you are familiar with that child it is not your place to help them. Please avoid physical contact with children.
- Please let a member of staff know if you are taking your child to the toilet or changing him/her.
- Please only enquire about your own child and be aware of confidentiality.
- Please do not open the door if the bell rings, just let a member of staff know if they have not heard it.
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Stay and Play sessions take part in the main room, to ensure the children's privacy and to safeguard them during personal hygiene routines.

All staff are aware of the guidance for parents and why this has been put in place.

Stay and Play session Risk Assessment is in place. Please see Risk Assessment folder.

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