

Golden Flatts Primary School
'Rising Threes' Policy

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1. Statement of intent

At Golden Flatts Primary School, we greatly value the importance of the early years foundation stage (EYFS) in providing a secure foundation for future learning and development.

This policy has been developed in conjunction with the relevant DfE guidance and legislation to ensure that each child has a happy and positive start to their school life in which they can build a foundation for a love of learning.

We ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. We promote teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and give children a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

We seek to provide:

- **Quality and consistency**, so that every child makes good progress and no child gets left behind.
- **A secure foundation** through learning and development opportunities which are planned around the needs and interests of each child and are assessed and reviewed regularly.
- **Partnership working** between practitioners and parents.
- **Equality of opportunity** and anti-discriminatory practice, ensuring that every child is included and supported.

2. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Childcare Act 2006
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The GDPR Data Protection Act 2018

This policy has due regard to statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2017) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
- DfE (2019) 'Keeping children safe in education'
- DfE (2018) 'Working together to safeguard children'
- DfE (2015) 'The prevent duty'

This policy is intended to be used in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Early Years Policy
- Mental Health and Behaviour Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies
- Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy
- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Whole-School Food Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Recruitment Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Photography Policy
- Complaints Procedures Policy

3. Introduction

At Golden Flatts Primary School, we greatly value the importance that the EYFS plays in laying secure foundations for future learning and development. It is also important to view the EYFS as preparation for life and not simply preparation for the next stage of education. The EYFS for children is from birth to five years of age. All children begin school with different experiences and it is our role in the foundation stage to build upon these. This is done through a holistic approach to learning ensuring that parent and guardians, support staff and the Foundation Stage team work effectively together to support the learning and development of the children in their charge.

4. Admission

All children will be eligible for a place in our Rising Threes Programme during the term before their third birthday. Allocation of places will be decided through liaison with the local authority and parents/carers.

It is the intention to follow the Local Authority admissions procedures which allocate places to children according to:

1. Care of the local authority
2. Sibling link
3. School Admission Zone
4. Out of School Admission Zone following the shortest walking distance.

Therefore ensuring that children who will be eligible to move into school nursery are allocated a space, upon the term after their third birthday or on their third birthday dependent upon availability of nursery spaces.

5. Induction

The parents/carers will be encouraged to attend a pre-admission visit with their child; this is an opportunity for the family to begin to develop

relationships with the team and for the child to become familiar with their new surroundings. It is an opportunity for staff to begin the child's learning journey and to gain vital information from parents/carers as they know their child best and can explain to staff the individual needs of their child. Next a further visit to Nursery with their child, where a start date and welcome pack will be given out and forms will be completed whilst the child is encouraged to spend some time away from their parent/carer in the Nursery setting.

6. Staffing

i. Key worker

We will provide a 'special person' (Key worker) for all children accessing our Rising Threes Programme.

The Key Worker is deeply committed to the detail of each child's day, their role is to:

- Provide a structure to the day which allows the child to feel safe and settled.
- Promote a learning environment which encourages children to make healthy choices, become independent and have a sense of belonging.
- Promote the learning and development of the children.
- Provide individual personal care and comfort for the children.
- Develop warm, affectionate and responsive relationships with the children and their families.
- Keep parents informed of their child's progress.
- Encourage parents to share information about their child's experiences at home, their curiosities and interests.
- Use the information about the children's experiences at home to support the children's learning and development and enhance the experiences offered in nursery.

ii. Staffing Arrangements

Staffing ratios in the setting are as indicated in the EYFS Statutory Guidance (2014): 1:4 children aged 2 years.

7. Attendance

i. Session times

The doors open for the start of the morning session at:

- **8.30a.m.**

Collection at the end of the morning session is:

- **11.30a.m.**

All children are expected to be on time for the start of their session and to be collected promptly at the end of their session.

Each child's personal details and emergency contact numbers are held, this information is stored in the nursery to ensure immediate accessibility.

8. Learning and development

i. Aims of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum :

- To provide quality learning experiences for all the children, learning will be through practical and play activities. These will be structured, balanced, relevant to the child and related to the real world.
- To provide a curriculum which takes account of and responds to the children's developmental needs and allows them to make progress related to their differing ability. "What the child can do" will be our starting point.
- To ensure the children have positive experiences of success at their own levels in order to give them confidence and motivation for learning in the future.
- To provide a curriculum which promotes the 'Early Learning Goals'
- To create a partnership with parents to support and enhance the development of the children.

ii. Working in Partnership with Parents

We pride ourselves in working in partnership with parents; we carry this out in many ways.

- We encourage parents to involve themselves in the nursery in many ways. For some it is engaging in daily chats when they drop their child off in the setting, for others it is actively participating in our weekly parent and child open session.
- We value the time we offer to parents when sharing information about their child during home visits and settling in sessions. We believe it is important that parents can pass on information and they are truly listened to by the staff.
- We feel it is important for staff to share information about their child's day within their home/school link book. It is an opportunity for parents to also share stories from home that can impact their learning journey.
- We are always willing to talk to parents and listen to any concerns or worries.
- We aim to keep all parents informed about their child's progress and will ask for information from home to support the child's learning journey and share the two year old skills check with parents upon completion.
- Copies of policies and procedures are available in the setting for parents to look through at any time.
- We have clear Admissions Policies which are available on request.
- We also have a written complaints procedure.

We encourage the support of parents and value they are the first and most important educators of their children.

iii. **The Curriculum**

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Golden Flatts Primary School we aim to provide a broad, balanced, differentiated curriculum which addresses the children's social, emotional, physical, intellectual, moral and cultural development within a safe, secure, stimulating environment.

Our curriculum enables the child to learn and develop skills, attitudes and understanding in these areas of learning:

The prime areas being:

- Personal, Emotional and Social Development (PSED)
- Communication and Language (CL)
- Physical development (PD)

The specific areas are:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World (UTW)
- Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

Throughout the EY we plan activities to give children learning experiences and opportunities to work towards the Early Learning Goals and prepare them for the National Curriculum. Teaching and learning will take place within the classroom and outside areas. Within these areas children will participate in a variety of activities, both with an adult and independently.

iv. **Providing Healthy Food and Drink for Children**

The children are encouraged to make choices not only about the things they play with but also about the food and drinks they have. Drinking water is available for the children throughout the day.

Snacks are provided during the morning. At snack time children are offered fresh fruit or vegetables and foods that are low in salt, sugar, saturated fats and artificial additives with a choice of milk or water.

Children sit at a table together during snack time with familiar adults supporting them.

Information relating to allergies, religious beliefs and special dietary requirements are obtained from parents/carers, and are taken into consideration when snacks and meals are being offered.

Dietary requirements are displayed clearly in food preparation areas.

Staff preparing food and drink hold a current Food Hygiene Certificate

v. **Play**

We believe that play, both indoors and outdoors, is the fundamental way in which young children learn. Play can be enjoyed and challenging. When playing, children behave in different ways. Sometimes, their play will be boisterous, sometimes they will describe and discuss what they are doing, and sometimes they will be quiet and reflective as they play. Through play, children will be developing skills across all the Prime and Specific areas of learning, working towards achieving the Early Learning Goals.

In a secure environment with effective adult support, children will be able to:

- Explore, develop and represent learning experiences that help them make sense of the world
- Practise and build up concepts, ideas and skills
- Learn how to control impulses and understand the need for rules
- Be alone, be alongside others or co-operate as they talk to rehearse their feelings
- Take risks and make mistakes
- Think creatively and imaginatively
- Communicate with others as they investigate and solve problems
- Express fears to relieve anxious experiences in controlled and safe situations

Adults in the setting will support play by:

- Planning and resourcing a stimulating environment
- Supporting children's learning through planned play
- Extending and supporting children's spontaneous play
- Extending and developing children's language and communication in their play.
- Listening to all forms of children's communication and their ideas and taking these into account when developing play and planning.
- Narrating children's play.
- Asking questions about children's play.

vi. **Assessment**

Formative Assessment is an integral part of the learning and development process. It involves practitioners working with parents/carers to recognise children's progress and understand their individual needs. Through interaction and observation, practitioners gain knowledge of the children and are able to plan activities and support to ensure that they make progress. Using their professional judgement, they will assess whether children are at the expected level of development. This will be shared with parents throughout the EYFS, both incidentally and through arranged progress meetings.

At the start of Nursery, parents are encouraged to share information from their child's 2 year old's progress check. We will then use the information to support learning and development in our setting and discuss how parents can support this at home.

At the start of Reception year (during the first 6 weeks), children will complete the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a short, statutory assessment designed to provide a progress measure for future learning.

In the final term of the Reception year, the teacher (with the help of other practitioners and parents/carers) will complete the EYFS profile for each child. This will provide parents/carers and key stage 1 teachers with a rounded picture of their knowledge, understanding and attainment against expected levels (Early Learning Goals).

The profile will be completed for all children and the information will be provided to the local authority.

9. Inclusion and Equal Opportunities

Children with special educational needs will be supported as appropriate to enable them to access the curriculum fully; this is in line with the school's Special Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy. This includes children that are more able and those with specific learning difficulties and disabilities. Pupil passports will be used to identify targets in specific areas of learning for those children who require additional support. The school's SEND Co-ordinator is responsible for providing additional information and advice to staff and parents and for arranging external intervention and support as necessary.

In line with the school's Equal Opportunities Policy, we will provide all children, regardless of ethnicity, culture, religion, home language, family background, learning difficulties, disabilities, gender or ability with equal access to all aspects of school life to ensure that every child is valued as an individual.

During the school visit we will talk to the child and the parents about the child's ethnic, religious and cultural heritage and experiences at home. Staff will use this information when leaning and carrying out activities within the Foundation area to ensure that familiar experiences are used as starting points for learning.

When planning, setting up and altering the rooms, outdoor areas, displays and equipment, the staff will aim to create an environment that encourages a positive attitude to learning. This will include:

- Keeping the environment free from any discriminatory practice or stereotypical images
- Valuing the local community and environment as a source of learning opportunities
- Using displays, resources and equipment that reflect the community in which the children live as well as the wider world.
- A curriculum which provides activities to encourage children to respect their own cultural background and beliefs and those of other people.

We will ensure that all children are given support to participate in activities, experiences, visits and discussions and to make sure that all children are listened to carefully and with respect. We will carefully consider the need for equality of opportunity when planning activities and experiences. When necessary we will modify activities or provide additional equipment or materials to ensure children are not excluded.

10. Safeguarding and welfare

All necessary steps are taken to keep the children in our care safe and well. Any safeguarding or welfare issues will be dealt with in line with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies, and all members of staff in the EYFS are required to read these policies as part of their induction training.

The DSL is **Mrs M. Newbury** (acting in this role to cover the maternity leave of our usual DSL). The deputy DSL is Miss S Davies and Mrs D Ellsbury. In line with school's policies, the DSL is responsible for safeguarding children and liaising with local children's services as appropriate. The deputy DSL will undertake the duties of the DSL in their absence, but overall responsibility for safeguarding will remain with the DSL. The DSL and deputy DSL will undertake child protection training as required.

Staff will receive safeguarding training that enables them to understand the safeguarding policy and procedures, have up-to-date knowledge of safeguarding issues, and recognise signs of potential abuse and neglect.

Specific Safeguarding Issues:

i. **Mobile phones and devices**

For the purposes of this policy, the term 'mobile phone' refers to any electronic device that can be used to take images or record videos, including tablets. Photography policies and procedures are addressed in full in our Photography Policy.

ii. **Use of mobile phones by staff members**

Staff members must not use personal mobile phones or cameras when children are present. Staff may use mobile phones on school premises outside of working hours when no children are present. Staff may use mobile phones in the staffroom during breaks and non-contact time. Mobile phones should be safely stored and in silent mode whilst children are present. Staff may take mobile phones on trips, but they must only be used in emergencies and should not be used when children are present. Mobile phones must not be used to take images or videos at any time during trips. Staff who do not adhere to this policy will face disciplinary action. Staff may use their professional judgement in emergencies. Staff must report any concerns about another staff member's use of mobile phones to the DSL, following the procedures outlined in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies and the Allegations of Abuse Against Staff Policy.

iii. **Use of mobile phones by parents, visitors and contractors**

Posters are used around the school to indicate that it's a mobile free zone. Parents, visitors and contractors are not permitted to take photographs or record videos without prior permission. Parents may take photographs and videos only containing their own child during school events. Parents may take group photographs at school events but only with the informed consent of

the parents of the children involved. The school strongly advises against the publication of any photographs or videos taken at the school or school events on social media. Staff must report all concerns about parents, visitors and contractors to the DSL, following the procedures outlined in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies.

iv. **Use of the school's mobile phones and cameras**

Staff are provided with a school device to ensure that only school devices are used to take photographs and videos. School devices must have passcode protection. School devices must only be used for work related matters. School devices must only be used to take photographs in the presence of another staff member and only with the consent of the child's parent. Staff must not take photographs of bruising or injuries for child protection reasons. Instead, recording concerns forms and body maps are used to record observations relating to child protection concerns – these can be acquired from the DSL. School devices must not be taken off school premises without prior written permission from the Headteacher. Where staff members have concerns over material on a school device, they must report all concerns to the DSL, following the procedures outlined in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies.

v. **Intimate Care**

"Intimate" care is any care which involves washing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure that most children are able to carry out themselves. However, depending on a child's age and stage of development, they may need some support, for example dressing, wiping their bottom after using the toilet and changing underwear following an accident. Every child has the right to privacy, dignity and a professional approach from all staff when meeting their needs and it is important that staff work in partnership with parents to give the right support to an individual child. No intimate care is to be given without the express permission of the parent or guardian of that child and all parents and guardians will be asked to provide that permission when their child joins the Foundation Stage.

vi. **Nappy Changing Procedure**

The child's Key Worker will change the nappies of those children in their group whenever possible. We will always ask the child's permission before changing their nappy: **"Is it ok if I change your nappy?"**

The Key Worker will:

- Talk to the child about having their nappy changed.
- Go with the child to the changing area
- Always wear a disposable apron and disposable gloves.
- Place the dirty nappy and the used wipes in a nappy bag.
- Tie the bag and place in a second bag.
- Place the double wrapped nappy in the nappy disposal unit.

A child will never be left unattended on a nappy changing unit.

When the Key Worker has finished changing a child, they will clean the nappy changing surface with an antibacterial spray.

They will encourage the child to wash their hands after their nappy has been changed and ensure they wash their own hands thoroughly.

The Key Worker will ensure that nappies are changed in response to each child's needs and as a minimum requirement of once per 3 hour session.

vii. **Learning to use the Toilet**

It is our expectation that when the child joins us they are 'toilet trained' or almost. We will support parents with this process and understand that children maybe new to this and will inevitably have 'accidents'. We will follow the same guidelines as for nappy changing.

- Always ask the child's permission
- Remind the child to use the toilet
- Go with the child to the bathroom
- Wear disposable gloves
- Encourage and support the child to wash their hands
- Wash their hands thoroughly

viii. **First Aid**

Our Nursery makes every effort to ensure that all children are safeguarded and well cared for. The children are the centre of our focus in all decision-making and arrangements. The nursery sees adequate First Aid provision as vital in the daily process of caring for the children. The Nursery keeps records of illnesses, accidents, and injuries, together with an account of any first aid treatment, prescription medication or treatment given to a child.

Implementation: Practical Arrangements

The first aid box in nursery is located on the high shelves and a further first aid box is available in the kitchen.

The contents of the first aid boxes are checked regularly by Clare Taylor (School PSA).

First aid boxes will be restocked immediately after use of an item or as and when required.

Practical Arrangements at the point of need

Any member of first aid trained nursery staff can administer first aid to a child in line with the following procedures:

- Administer first aid as appropriate
- Call for help if appropriate
- Call emergency services if required

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- Ensure everyone is safe and the injured party cared for and accompanied
- Call the parents if appropriate immediately after the incident
- Record the incident / accident
- Ensure that everyone relevant knows
- Take any further action as required

If an ambulance is required for emergency treatment, the child's key worker will accompany the child to hospital if the parent/guardian could not be contacted. The parents will be notified immediately.

Staff members should call emergency services as soon as it becomes clear the injury is beyond the nursery's capability and the health of the child is compromised; if in any doubt, seek immediate guidance from a Senior member of staff.

Recording accidents and informing parents

Members of Staff who deal with an accident or injury must record the incident in the Accident / Incident forms and inform management.

Parents are always contacted if a child suffers anything more than a trivial injury, or suffers a head injury or if s/he becomes unwell, or if we have any worries or concerns about his/her health. Parents are encouraged to contact the nursery if they have any concern relating to their child's health.

Non Serious Injuries

Parents will be informed of the accident when the child is collected from nursery at the end of the session.

Records include:

- the date, time and place of incident
- the name of the injured or ill child
- details of the injury/illness and what first aid was administered
- what happened to the person immediately afterwards (e.g. went home, continued in their play, went to hospital)
- name and signature of the person dealing with the incident along with a witness.

ix. **Emergency procedure if a child is lost**

- In the event that a child is missing a senior member of staff will be informed immediately.
- A full search of the building and grounds will be undertaken.
- Parents will be informed immediately.
- The police will be required to attend if the child is not found. Advice will be taken from the police at this point.
- C.C.T.V. footage will be examined.

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- A report will be made to Ofsted explaining the nature of the incident. This will be made within 24 hours.
- An immediate risk assessment will be undertaken, dependant on the nature and the outcome of the incident.

External Visits

- If a child becomes lost whilst on an external visit the above procedure will be adhered to.
- With careful planning and co-operative working amongst staff, children should not be out of sight of an adult during an outing.
- If it is realised that a child is no longer with the group, staff should look carefully all around without leaving the group.
- Parents and Golden Flatts Primary School will be contacted immediately.
- The police will be informed and all the children will be returned to Nursery.
- At the end of the day the teacher will complete an incident report

x. **Administration of Medicines**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that any and all medication administered to children has been authorised by the child's parent/carer and has been prescribed by a registered pharmacist. Only authorised members of staff (qualified first aid practitioners) will be allowed to administer medication and accurate records of any medicine administered must be kept.

Who is Responsible?

The responsibility of administering medication and the administration of paperwork is the responsibility of Mrs Tracey McClelland (School Office).

It is the overall responsibility of the teacher to ensure that there is written parental/guardian permission to administer medication to children during the session.

It is the responsibility of the staff to ensure that parent / carers complete a medication form prior to any medication being administered and a signature is obtained giving authorisation. A copy of the paperwork will be kept in the school office and displayed in an easily accessible but confidential area within Nursery.

How will the policy be implemented?

Staff members **will not** administer the first dose of a new medicine to the child. Parents should have given their child the first dose to ensure no allergic reaction takes place.

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Members of staff may only administer prescribed medication to a child with the written consent of the parent/carer and clear instructions with child's name / dosage must be on the medication bottle.

Where members of staff are required to administer medication to a child, whether short term or long term, the parent/carer must first complete and sign a medicine administration form. A new entry should be completed when there is a change in circumstances.

Staff can only administer medication for the length of time stated on the bottle; staff will not administer medication beyond this time-scale unless we have a Doctor's letter.

The medicine administration form will detail the name of the qualified practitioner who administered the medication and another staff member will sign as a witness to the administration of the medication.

Before medicine is administered, the designated member of staff should check the medicine administration form for any changes.

The medicine administration form should be completed each time the child receives their medication, this form must be completed and signed by the person administering the medication, witness and be countersigned by the parent or carer when they collect their child.

Medicines to be stored in the fridge in a plastic lidded box, clearly named and dated. This must go home with the parent after the nursery session.

Arrangements for children with particular medical needs

Prior to joining nursery, all medical details are required so that the nursery can provide the level of care expected. Where appropriate, parents along with any relevant members of staff will meet prior to a child joining the Nursery to ensure such provision is in place. Special arrangements, such as, training are made when necessary to ensure medical needs are met.

xi. **Sick Child Policy**

If a child becomes ill at home prior to attending nursery, we ask that parents inform us of their child's illness. This assists us in caring for the children on their return and enables us to look out for similar symptoms in other children.

When in the setting, if a child is feeling unwell and/or is suspected of having an infectious illness their key worker will support them and stay with them. The key worker will offer comfort to the child and care for them while another staff member contacts the parents.

On contacting the parents, the worker will describe the nature of the illness, the symptoms and how long the child has been feeling unwell. The parents will be asked to come to Nursery to collect their child.

If an infectious illness is suspected we will refer to the most up to date Infections in Children documentation to determine the appropriate action to take. The key worker will stay with the child in a separate room, away from other children, while they wait for the child to be collected.

If there is a frequent occurrence of an infection all the parents in the setting will be notified. We will inform Ofsted of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable.

11. Behaviour Management

Nursery will follow Golden Flatts Primary schools mental health and behaviour policy. It is important that the team working within Nursery promote positive behaviour and foster an environment that is nurturing and calm in order to support children to develop their own personal, social and emotional development.

We encourage parents to share any concerns they have about their child's behaviour. We then use our pathway of support to plan together how best to support the child, ensuring a consistent approach at home and in the setting.

If a child is hurt in the setting by another child the parents of both children will be informed. An explanation of the incident will be given whilst maintaining the confidentiality of others involved.

12. Health & Safety

A first-aid box is located in Nursery. Only medicine prescribed to a child by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist will be administered. The school's Administering Medication Policy outlines the procedures for administering medicines.

The EY teacher will report any accident or injury involving a child to their parents on the day it occurs, and any first-aid treatment administered to a child will also be reported to their parents. An accident form will be completed and one given to parents.

The Head of School will report any serious accident, illness, injury, or death of a child whilst in the school's care to Ofsted as soon as is reasonably practicable, but within 14 days of the incident occurring. Local child protection agencies will also be notified.

The school has a Fire Evacuation Plan in place.

Any food or drink provided to children is healthy, balanced and nutritious as outlined in the Whole-School Food Policy. The Head of School will notify Ofsted of any incidents

of food poisoning affecting two or more children within 14 days of the incident. Information about any dietary requirements, preferences, food allergies and any special health requirements a child has will be recorded. Fresh drinking water is available at all times.

Smoking is not permitted on the school premises.

The Health and Safety Policy outlines the full health and safety policies and procedures.

13. Staff taking medication or other substances

The school implements a zero-tolerance approach to drugs and alcohol misuse, as outlined in the school's HR Policies.

The use of alcohol or any other substance that may affect the ability to care for children by a member of staff will not be tolerated. If there is a reason to believe a member of staff is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance, they will not be allowed to work directly with children and further action will be taken.

Any member of staff taking medication which may affect their ability to care for children will seek medical advice. Staff will only be allowed to work directly with the children if it is confirmed that the medication is unlikely to impair their ability to look after children properly.

Any medication used by staff is securely stored.

14. Staffing

A robust Recruitment Policy is in place, which aims to ensure that members of staff employed in the EYFS are suitable.

Upon employment, all EYFS staff receive induction training to ensure that they understand their roles and responsibilities, including information about emergency evacuation procedures, safeguarding, child protection and health and safety.

Staff will be supported to undertake the appropriate training and professional development to ensure children receive the best quality learning experience.

All members of staff who have contact with children and families will be supervised by the EYFS lead. The supervision will provide opportunities for staff to:

- Discuss any issues, particularly concerning the development or wellbeing of children, including any child protection concerns.
- Identify solutions to address issues.
- Receive coaching to improve their effectiveness.

There will be at least one member of staff on the school premises at all times who has a current paediatric first-aid (PFA) certificate. Any member of staff who has sole responsibility for looking after a group of children will also hold a PFA certificate. All newly qualified staff with a level 2 or 3 qualification will be PFA trained. The school will organise PFA training to be renewed every three years. The list of staff who hold PFA certificates can be found in the Early Years Entrances.

The school provides a staffing ratio in line with the safeguarding and welfare requirements set out in the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'.

The school adopts the following staffing ratios:

- For children aged two, there is one member of staff for every four children. At least one staff member holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification, and at least half of the other staff members hold full and relevant level 2 qualifications.
- For children aged three and over:
 - Where a staff member with qualified teacher status (QTS), early years professional status, or another suitable level 6 qualification is working directly with the children, there is one member of staff for every 13 children, and at least one other member of staff holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification.
 - Where a member of staff does not hold QTS, early years professional status, or another suitable level 6 qualification, there is one member of staff for every eight children. At least one staff member holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification, and at least half of all other staff hold a full and relevant level 2 qualification.

Only under exceptional circumstances, and where the quality of care and safety of children is maintained, will changes be made to the ratios.

Parents will be informed about staffing arrangements and, when relevant and practical, will be involved in staffing arrangement decisions.

Each child is assigned a key person whose role it is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs.

The EYFS lead will inform parents of whom their child's key person is and will explain the role of the key person when their child begins attending the school.

15. Information and records

Information is stored in line with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, and with regard to the school's Data Protection Policy.

The following information is recorded for each child:

- The child's name and date of birth
- The name and address of every parent or carer who is known to the school, and which parent or carer the child normally lives with

- The emergency contact details of the child's parent or carer

The following information about the school is recorded:

- A daily record of the names of the children being cared for in the school, their hours of attendance, and the names of each child's key person

The following information is made available to parents:

- The school's privacy notice for parents and pupils
- How the school delivers the EYFS and how parents can access more information
- The daily routine and the activities offered in the school's EYFS and how parents can assist their child's learning at home
- How the school's EYFS supports children with SEND
- Details of the food and drink provided to the children
- Information about the policies and procedures in place in the school's EYFS

Ofsted will be notified if there are any changes to the following:

- The address of the school
- The school's contact details
- The hours during which care is provided
- Any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the school or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children to look after children

16. Complaints procedure

At our Nursery we aim to provide the highest quality education and care for all our children. We aim to offer a warm welcome to each individual child and family and to provide a warm and caring environment within which all children can learn and develop as they play.

We believe children and parents are entitled to expect courtesy and prompt, careful attention to their needs and wishes. Our intention is to work in partnership with parents and the community generally and we welcome suggestions on how to improve at any time.

i. Making concerns known

A parent who is uneasy about any aspect of the provisions should first of all talk over any worries and anxieties with Mrs Newbury, Early Years Leader/Head of School. Most complaints should be resolved informally or it could be taken further with the Executive Headteacher, Mrs S. Sharpe. Should the matter not be resolved then it can be taken up with the Governing Body. Please see the School's Complaints Procedures.

OFSTED involvement

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A parent has the right to contact the Ofsted helpline if they so desire. Providers must provide Ofsted, on request, with a written record of all complaints made during any specified period, and the action which was taken, as a result of each complaint.

The address is:

Ofsted
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Contact number:

0300 1231231

We believe that most complaints are made constructively and can be sorted out at an early stage. We also believe that it is in the best interests of the nursery and parents that complaints should be taken seriously and dealt with fairly and in a way that respects confidentiality.

17. Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body and the Executive Headteacher.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff.

All members of staff directly involved with Nursery are required to familiarise themselves with all processes and procedures outlined in this policy as part of their induction.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is August 2022.

Review Date: August 2021

Reviewed by: S. Sharpe and Mrs M. Newbury

Approved by Governors:

Next Review Date: August 2022