

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

Providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children.



1.1 Children's rights and entitlements

Policy statement

- We promote children's right to be strong, resilient, listened to and heard, by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour and ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions, and home background.
- We promote children's right to be strong, resilient, and listened to and heard by encouraging children to develop a sense of autonomy and independence.
- We promote children's right to be strong, resilient, listened to and heard, by enabling children to have the self-confidence and the vocabulary to resist inappropriate approaches.
- We help children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships within their families, with peers, and with other adults.
- We work with parents to build their understanding of, and commitment to, the principles of safeguarding all our children.
- We actively promote British Values, ensuring each child understands the importance of respect, in the hope that they are fully prepared for modern British life.
- We support the 54 articles contained within the UN convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), recognising that these articles apply to children globally and draw attention to the disparity between and within countries and across regions of the world in the way that children receive and enjoy basic rights. We support organisations and statutory agencies to promote recognition and achievement of children's rights to ensure a better experience for all children.

What it means to promote children's rights and entitlements to be 'strong, resilient listened to and heard'.

To be strong means to be:

- secure in their foremost attachment relationships where they are loved and cared for, by at least one person who can offer consistent, positive, and unconditional regard and who can be relied on.
- safe and valued as individuals in their families and in relationships beyond the family, such as day care or school.
- self assured and form a positive sense of themselves – including all aspects of their identity and heritage.
- included equally and belong in our setting and in community life.
- confident in abilities and proud of their achievements.
- progressing optimally in all aspects of their development and learning.
- part of a peer group in which to learn to negotiate, develop social skills and identity as global citizens, respecting the rights of others in a diverse world; and
- able to represent themselves and participate in aspects of service delivery that affects them as well as aspects of key decisions that affect their lives.

To be resilient means to:

- be sure of their self-worth and dignity.
- be able to be assertive and state their needs effectively.
- be able to overcome difficulties and problems.
- be positive in their outlook on life.
- be able to cope with challenge and change.
- have a sense of justice towards self and others.
- develop a sense of responsibility towards self and others; and
- be able to represent themselves and others in key decision-making processes.

To be actively listened to and heard means:

- adults who are close to children recognise their need and right to express and communicate their thoughts, feelings, and ideas.
- adults who are close to children are able to tune in to their verbal, sign, and body language in order to understand and interpret what is being expressed and communicated.
- adults who are close to children are able to respond appropriately and, when required, act upon their understanding of what children express and communicate; and
- adults respect children's rights and facilitate children's participation and representation in imaginative and child centred ways in all aspects of core services.

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Signed on behalf of the management

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