

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES POLICY

At Conkers we recognise that arrival at nursery is an important time for both parent and child. We provide a warm and personal welcome to all families so that each child is able to make a smooth transition from home to nursery.

This policy has regard to the statutory framework of the EYFS and Childcare Act 2006

Links to other policies

Admissions policy

Safeguarding policy

Fees policy

Health and Safety

Risk assessment

Entry to the nursery is through the gate, which is protected by a secure entry system. A member of staff will meet arrivals at the gate if children are playing near the gate otherwise a member of staff will open the gate remotely if safe to do so. Children and parents will access the nursery through the gate and along the path to the nursery door.

Upon arrival all parents and children are greeted personally by a member of staff. Parents must sign and put the time of entry on the register and pass the care of their child to the staff member. Records of any specific information or instruction provided by the parents must also be recorded.

If the parent requests the child is given medicine during the day the staff member must ensure that the medication procedure is followed. Before leaving the child, the parent must sign the appropriate request form.

If the child is to be collected by someone who is not the parent at the end of the session, there is an agreed procedure that must be followed to identify the designated person. This procedure will have been recorded on the registration form and will be regularly confirmed or updated with parents. A password is required for the designated adult.

The child's key person or other nominated staff member plans the departure of the child. This should include brief opportunities to discuss the child's day with the parent. The parent is told about any accidents or incidents and the appropriate records must be signed by the parent before departure. Where applicable, all medicines should be recovered from the fridge after the parent has arrived and handed to him/her personally. The medication policy is to be followed regarding parental signature.

The nursery will not release a child to anyone other than the known parent unless an agreement has been made at the time of arrival. In the case of any emergency such as a parent being delayed and arranging for a designated adult to collect a child, the parent should inform the designated person of the agreed procedure and contact the nursery about the arrangements immediately. If in any doubt the nursery will check the person's identity by ringing the child's parent or their emergency contact number (please refer to the late collection policy).

On departure, the parent must sign and time the child register immediately to show that the child has left the premises.

Adults arriving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Please refer to the alcohol and substance misuse policy.

Arrivals and departures of visitors

For arrivals and departures of visitors the nursery requires appropriate records to be completed on entry and exit in the visitors' book. Please refer to supervision of visitors' policy for further information.

Monitoring and review

- All nursery policies are monitored and reviewed annually
- Policies and procedures are updated and amended in line with any emerging and relevant government legislation or County Council guidance

Informing parents of changes to policy

Our policies are reviewed regularly. Parents are notified by email, usually with their invoice or newsletter.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
1-12-15	Tina Graham	1-12-16
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