

Cosh

Early Years Foundation Stage

Cosh is committed to delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which became a legal requirement in September 2008 for all early years childcare providers. EYFS covers children from birth to the end of their reception year.

EYFS is based upon four principles:

A Unique Child We recognise that every child is a competent learner who can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured. Children develop in individual ways, at varying rates. Children's attitudes and dispositions to learning are influenced by feedback from others; we use praise and encouragement to motivate children.

Positive Relationships We recognise that children learn to be strong and independent from secure relationships. We aim to develop caring, respectful, professional relationships with the children and their families.

Enabling Environments We recognise that the environment plays a key role in supporting and extending the children's development. We observe the children and assess their interests and development, before planning challenging but achievable activities and experiences to extend their learning.

Learning and Development We recognise that children learn and develop in different ways and at different rates. We value all areas of learning and development equally and understand that they are inter- connected.

The designated EYFS coordinator at the Club is Andrea Burns who is responsible for:

- Identifying EYFS children upon joining the Club and informing the other staff
- Determining the principal EYFS provider for each child
- Assign a key worker for each EYFS child
- Ensuring that staff receive relevant EYFS training
- Gaining parental consent for information sharing, where necessary
- Implementing a communication book, for parents, the Club and the principal EYFS provider
- Agreeing information sharing policies with the principal EYFS provider
- Meeting regularly with the principal EYFS provider to agree next steps for development

All staff will:

- Undertake observations and assessments in order to plan for each child's individual needs.
- Plan and provide opportunities which are appropriate to each child's stage of development.

The Club will provide a balance of adult led and child initiated activities. The Club always follows play principles, allowing children to choose how they occupy their time, and never forces them to participate in a given activity.

This policy was adopted by: COSH	Date:
To be reviewed:	Signed:

Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the *Early Years Foundation Stage* and the EYFS welfare requirement: *Organisation*.