

Your Key Person



"Every parent is a specialist in relation to his or her own child and every worker in early childhood education and care is also a specialist in child development. The best possible start that babies and young children can have is when these two specialists come together to share their knowledge and experience and understanding with each other."

- A key person helps your child to become familiar with the setting and to feel confident and safe within it.
- A key person develops a genuine bond with children and offers a settled, close relationship.
- When children feel happy and secure in this way they are confident to explore and try out new things.
- Even when children are older and can hold special people in mind for longer there is still a need for them to have a key person to depend on in the setting.
- Babies and children become independent by being able to depend upon adults for reassurance and comfort.
- Children's independence is most obvious when they feel confident and self-assured, such as when they are in their own home with family, or with friends and familiar carers such as a key person.
- Babies and children are likely to be much less independent when they are in new situations, such as a new group or when they feel unwell or anxious.



A key person meets the needs of each child in their care and responds sensitively to their feelings, ideas and behaviour.

A key person talks to parents if they have any concerns or worries to make sure that the child is being cared for appropriately for each family.



A close emotional relationship with a key person in the setting does not undermine children's ties with their own parents.

Careful records of the child's development and progress are created and shared by parents, the child, the key person and other professionals as necessary.



We operate a 'buddy' system where in the absence of a key person, their buddy will step in as a familiar support. These two members of staff can then work together and draw on each other's knowledge and expertise to evaluate your child's learning and development.

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