

General Welfare Requirement: Organisation

Providers must plan and organise their systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs.

Alyth Kindergarten

Child care practice

4.4a Comforting Children

Policy statement

We believe that cuddling children to comfort them when they are distressed is important for their emotional development and sense of security and wellbeing.

We want children to feel safe, happy, secure and comfortable with staff and for parents to have confidence that we will take care of their child/ren's emotional needs by giving emotional and physical comfort in the form of a cuddle in our role as practitioners supporting their children within the setting.

This is part of the Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

This policy is also linked to Equality of Opportunity, 1.13 Achieving Positive Behaviour.

Procedures

- All staff, particularly the key person work with parents to discuss how we comfort children who are distressed.
- Childrens' emotional needs are met by giving them a cuddle and sitting them on our laps when they are upset.
- Parents who do not wish us to comfort their child/ren in this manner are asked to state this on the Comforting Children page of the Alyth Kindergarten Admissions pack.
- All staff offer unconditional regard for the child/ren and are non-judgemental.
- All staff encourage positive relationships between children.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Alyth Kindergarten	name of setting
Held on	11 March 2014	(date)
Date to be reviewed	11 March 2015	(date)
Signed on behalf of the management committee		
Name of signatory	Nicola Feuchtwang	
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