

Stepping Stones

Staff Induction and Development

Each new member of staff at Stepping Stones receives a copy of all of the Club's policies and procedures. Within the first month of their employment, the manager will discuss the practical implications of the Club's policies and procedures with them. The new staff member will sign to confirm that they have read and understood the Club's policies.

All new staff will receive induction training which will include:

- Introduction to their colleagues, children and parents or carers where appropriate.
- Tour of the premises including: identification of all fire exits, location of first aid kit and fire safety equipment, and information about the emergency evacuation procedures; outside play areas, fire assembly points, collection points at the school, route from the school to the Club etc, and identification of any known hazards
- Thorough briefing about the Club's safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures and about our Equal Opportunities policy and ethos.
- Location of Club records and documentation, storage, toilets etc
- Overview of all aspects of the day-to-day management and running of the Club
- Explanation of the Club's obligation to comply with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Explanation of the processes for appraisals, training and development, booking holidays, sickness absence, staffing rota, etc.

Development and training

To ensure that staff development needs are being met, and that staff training and qualifications are meeting the requirements of the Club and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, we provide all our staff with:

- a thorough induction process
- a system of regular appraisals and reviews
- opportunities for training and professional development.

We also keep an up to date record of staff qualifications and maintain a training development plan.

Appraisals and supervisions

The manager will hold an annual appraisal meeting with individual staff. The appraisal will reflect on progress and challenges over the previous year and identify current knowledge and skills, areas for future development and potential training needs.

The manager will hold quarterly reviews with staff to monitor their professional development and their progress with regards to the targets set, and issues raised, during their annual appraisals.

Training

The manager will identify and promote suitable training courses for staff so that they can expand their professional development and keep their knowledge of childcare and playwork issues up to date. Staff training in Safeguarding and Paediatric First Aid are obligatory.

Staff meetings

Staff meetings provide a forum in which staff can share information, solve problems and raise work issues. Staff meetings are held every half term but we have daily discussions each day to run through anything relevant to that day or perhaps discuss any issues that week.

This policy was adopted by: Stepping Stones and reviewed 10/01/2024 Signed:

Philip Stone

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2012)*:
Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Qualifications, training, support and skills [3.18-3.20 and 3.22].