

## **First Steps (Bath)**

### **Day Care Admissions Policy and Procedure**

#### **Policy statement**

First Steps aims to provide a fair system for prioritising places. Therefore, we allocate places on a first come first served basis, taking occupancy into consideration. However, if places are limited, we prioritise families as follows:

- Vulnerable children living within the local area of First Steps Centres whose place has been funded by the local authority
- Children of First Steps staff, where the place is needed for their working hours
- Siblings of children currently attending
- Other children who live within the First Steps local area.
- Other children who live outside the First Steps area of working families

Children attend on a part or full-time basis, with agreed hours of attendance.

While we aim to accommodate all children, there may be rare instances where the specific needs of a cohort and the dynamics within a particular room mean we are unable to meet the needs of a child. We are committed to ensuring the best possible care and support for every child in our setting.

A copy of the full birth certificate is required. A deposit of two weeks fees is payable on completion of the registration form. This deposit is refunded when the child leaves First Steps, less any fees which may be outstanding.

All children follow our settling-in procedure which consists of one or two visits to the nursery, The parent/carer is very welcome to continue to visit with their child and build up their attendance after this date, should they wish.

#### **Procedure**

- Complete initial enquiry form with parent and check to see if they receive 2- or 3-year-old EYE or any other funding.
- offer and arrange show round.
- Complete admissions with parent, take deposit and birth certificate. Allocate sessions and start date.
- Email welcoming to First Steps and set up on First Steps Nursery Management Software
- Month before the start date book settling in sessions in agreement with key person, send an email welcoming to First Steps, set up on Nursery Management Software and inform finance of new starter.

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