ADMISSIONS POLICY

Statement of intent

It is out intention to make our setting accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community.

Aim

We aim to ensure that all sections of our community have access to the setting through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim, we operate the following admissions policy.

- We ensure that the existence of our setting is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.

- We ensure that information about our setting is accessible, in written and spoken form and, where appropriate, in more than one language. Where necessary, we will try to provide information in Braille, or through signing or an interpreter.

- We arrange our waiting list in birth order. In addition our policy may take into account the following:

    - the vicinity of the home to the setting; and

    - siblings already attending the setting.

- We keep a place vacant, if this is financially viable, to accommodate an emergency admission.

- We describe our setting and its practices in terms that make it clear that it welcomes both fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders.

- We describe our setting and its practices in terms of how it treats each child and their family, having regard to their needs arising from their gender, special educational needs, disabilities, social background, religion, ethnicity or from English being a newly acquired additional language.

- We describe our setting and its practices in terms of how it enables children and/or parents with disabilities to take part in the life of the setting.

- We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to ensure that our intake is representative of social diversity.

- We make our equal opportunities policy widely known.

- We consult with families about the opening times of the setting to ensure we accommodate a broad range of family need.

- We are flexible about attendance patterns to accommodate the needs of individual children and families.

- We welcome the help and input of all families concerned.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of …….name of setting

Held on (date)……..….

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee/Proprietor……

Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc)…….