

## SECTION 2

### General Welfare Requirement: Suitable People

Providers must ensure that adults looking after children, or having unsupervised access to them, are suitable to do so.

# EMPLOYMENT AND STAFFING

# STAFF GRIEVANCE

## POLICY STATEMENT

We provide procedures on grievance for all staff, students and volunteers in order to fully brief them about the way to resolve problems within the setting.

## EYFS key themes and commitments

1.3 Keeping safe

2.4 Key person

3.2 Supporting every  
child

Policy no: 21c Staff grievances

# Procedures

It is accepted by the Preschool-Nursery that there will be occasions when workers have issues relating to working conditions or relationships. While it is to be hoped that in most cases these will be resolved through informal discussion, where the problem remains unresolved, the following formal procedure should be used.

This procedure applies to all workers, including part-time and temporary workers.

Workers may be accompanied by a fellow employee or a trade union representative at any stage of the procedure.

If an issue is referred to this procedure for resolution, both parties accept that it should be progressed as speedily as possible.

Pending resolution of the grievance, the same conditions that existed prior to its notification will continue to apply (i.e. the status quo will be maintained), except in those cases where a continuation will be damaging to the business.

## **Procedures to follow:**

1. Any worker who has a grievance should raise it in the first instance with his or her manager. Where the grievance is against the manager, it should be raised with the deputy manager. The manager will respond in writing within five working days of hearing the grievance.
2. If the matter is not resolved at stage 1, the grievance will be referred to a more senior manager, who will respond in writing within five working days of hearing the grievance.
3. If the matter still remains unresolved, it will be referred to a manager/deputy manager, who will respond in writing within ten working days. In some circumstances, and subject to mutual agreement between the parties, the matter may be referred to an external adjudicator.

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