

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Information and Records

Providers must maintain records and obtain and share information to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting, and to help ensure the needs of all children are met.

10.7 Provider records

Policy statement

We keep records and documentation for the purpose of maintaining our business. These include:

- Records pertaining to our registration.
- Landlord/lease documents and other contractual documentation pertaining to amenities, services and goods.
- Financial records pertaining to income and expenditure.
- Risk assessments.
- Employment records of staff including their name, home address and telephone number.
- Names, addresses and telephone numbers of anyone else who is regularly in contact with the children.

We consider our records as confidential based on the sensitivity of information, such as with employment records. These confidential records are maintained with regard to the framework of the Data Protection Act (1998) and the Human Rights Act (1998).

This policy and procedure is taken in conjunction with the Confidentiality and Client Access to Records Policy and Information Sharing Policy.

Procedures

- All records are the responsibility of the management team who ensure they are kept securely.
- All records are kept in an orderly way in files and filing is kept up-to-date.
- Financial records are kept up-to-date for audit purposes.
- Health and safety records are maintained; these include risk assessments, details of checks or inspections and guidance etc.
- Our Ofsted registration certificate is displayed.
- Our Public Liability insurance certificate is displayed.
- All our employment and staff records are kept securely and confidentially.

We notify Ofsted of any change:

- in the address of the premises;
- to the premises which may affect the space available to us or the quality of childcare we provide;

- to the name and address of the provider, or the provider's contact information;
- to the person managing the provision;
- any significant event which is likely to affect our suitability to look after children; or
- any other event as detailed in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (DfE 2017).

Legal framework

- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Downton Community Preschool	<i>(name of provider)</i>
Held on	September 2019	<i>(date)</i>
Date to be reviewed	September 2020	<i>(date)</i>
Signed on behalf of the provider		
Name of signatory	Sarah Nutbeam and Lucy Babb	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Co-Chairs	

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Safeguarding Children (2010, 2013)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015 & 2018)
- Statutory Framework for the EYFS (DfE 2017)
- Employee handbook (2016)
- Medication Record (2017)
- Complaints Investigation Record (2015)
- GDPR (2018)