



Admissions Policy

Statement of intent.

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

Aim.

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

Methods.

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

- We ensure Hopscotch is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.
- We ensure that information about Hopscotch is accessible. Where possible we will try to provide information in Braille, or through signing or an interpreter.
- We arrange the waiting list in age order. When places are limited consideration will be given to siblings of children already attending, number of sessions requested, requests from children currently on role and time on waiting list. We may also give priority to looked after children. In exceptional circumstances we may give consideration to the balance of the group.
- We describe Hopscotch and its practices in terms that make it clear that we welcome both fathers and mothers, other relatives and carers, including childminders.
- We describe Hopscotch 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 Hopscotch and its practices in terms of how it enables children and/or parents with disabilities to take part in the life of the playgroup.

- We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to consider whether our intake is representative of social diversity.
- We make our equal opportunities policy widely known.
- We seek to make Hopscotch accessible to all, including looked after children and their carers. Therefore, we would be flexible regarding attendance patterns, periods of notice required and other matters as was necessary to individual circumstances.

This policy was adopted at a board meeting of Hopscotch Playgroup, held on the 5th September 2007.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors _____

Date _____

Role of signatory _____