Children & inclusion

Practical learning, gardening and personal safety

Real-life learning with appropriate supervision, privacy and encouragement.

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Operational review required

This is a centre-specific draft. It must be reviewed, completed and approved before adoption. It does not confirm staff appointments, registration or arrangements that have not been supplied.

Learn by doing

Use age-appropriate pretend shopping, budgeting, measuring, cooking, growing, tidying and supervised walks to connect maths, English and everyday science to situations children understand.

Assess each activity, choose appropriate equipment and agree any health, dietary, support or outing arrangements. Children must not undertake an unsafe real purchase, use adult tools unsupervised or be sent out alone as a learning challenge.

Addresses and family numbers

With family agreement, support children to recognise their home address and remember a trusted parent or carer's contact number. Practise privately and explain when it may be appropriate to share that information with a safe adult.

Do not ask children to announce details to a group, post them online, enter them into a public quiz or wear them visibly. Keep any necessary records within the approved secure care process.

Teach children to stay with the group, ask for help and use agreed walking and crossing rules. Memory skills add to safety awareness but do not make a child safe to travel or stay home alone.

Praise and participation

Use small, inclusive rewards for effort, persistence and progress. Offer alternative ways to practise and recognise children who need communication or memory support. Never shame a child or make essential care conditional on success.

Mix practical work with play, stories, rest and an occasional agreed treat. Follow the food, health-and-safety, inclusion and outings policies for the relevant activity.

Centre review before adoption

Confirm activity plans, privacy arrangements, reward choices, parent agreement and supervision.