

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Staff Qualifications, Training, Support and Skills**

Providers must ensure that all staff receive induction training to help them understand their roles and responsibilities.

### **3.1 Induction of employees and volunteers**

#### **Policy statement**

At Harvey Bears Nursery and Pre-school, we provide an induction for all employees and volunteers in order to fully brief them about the setting, the families we serve, our policies and procedures, curriculum and daily practice.

#### **Procedures**

- We have a written induction plan for all new staff, which includes the following:
  - Introductions to all employees and volunteers including management committee members.
  - Familiarisation with the building, health and safety, and fire and evacuation procedures.
  - Ensuring our policies and procedures are read and adhered to.
  - Introduction to the parents, especially parents of allocated key children where appropriate.
  - Familiarisation with confidential information in relation to any key children where applicable.
  - Details of the tasks and daily routines to be completed.
- The induction period lasts at least two weeks. The manager inducts new employees and volunteers. A member of the senior management team inducts new managers.
- During the induction period, the individual must demonstrate understanding of and compliance with policies, procedures, tasks and routines.
- Successful completion of the induction forms part of the probationary period.
- Following induction, we continue to support our staff to deliver high quality performance through regular supervision and appraisal of their work.

#### **Further information**

- The New Early Years Employee Handbook (Early Years Alliance 2019)
- Recruiting Early Years Staff (2016)
- People Management in the Early Years (2016)