



Learning, Care and Play Policy

Rationale

Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown Children's Centres are committed to the helping children achieve more by encouraging confidence, independence and enjoyment of learning in the children who attend the Centre. The Centre will offer the highest possible quality learning, care and play opportunities to ensure better outcomes for all Centre users.

Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown Children's Centres have written this policy to ensure that best practice and procedures are carried out at the Centre. This policy complies with the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework.

Aims:

- *To enable children to become inquisitive, resourceful and independent learners.*
- *To develop high self esteem and help children develop the skills necessary to build positive friendships and relationships.*
- *To develop tolerance and understanding in children in order that they respect the ideas, cultures and beliefs of others.*
- *To help children understand their local community and how they are integral in ensuring that the community is harmonious and happy.*

Implementation of Policy

At Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown Children's Centres we provide a stimulating and exciting environment which allows children to grow, develop and achieve more.

Programme of Activities

- The Centre will provide a well-planned and organised learning and play environment that provides children with a rich range of activities which enable them to investigate explore and problem solve.
- Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown Children's Centres will ensure that activities are well planned and based on the child's starting point, needs and interests. Activities will be



planned indoors and outdoors (when possible) to enable children to learn and explore in many different ways.

- Activities will be planned to enable children to develop thinking skills and encourage a natural curiosity in their surroundings. The Centre's recognise that children are individuals and will plan activities which enable all children to enjoy and achieve.
- The Centre will involve children in planning and assessing their learning at a level appropriate to their age and ability.
- The Centre will display the weekly activity timetable on the parent's information board.
- The Children's Centre team will be a role model for parents, modelling interaction and play during groups.

Alwoodley, Roundhay and Moortown Children's Centres will provide opportunities for:

- Where possible staff will be allowed opportunities to observe other Children's Centres in action and learn from best practice in the local area.
- Staff to demonstrate skilful teaching and respond appropriately to children to enable them to achieve more.
- Members of staff will celebrate achievements by all children.
- The Centre will provide children with a wide range of equipment and resources appropriate to their age and interests and which enable them to achieve better outcomes.
- The Centre Manager will ensure that members of staff effectively plan, analyse and evaluate children's learning in order to match learning to children's needs and plan their next learning step effectively.

Any questions about this policy should be directed to the Centre Manager.