



Stepping Stones Pre-School **Admissions Policy**

Stepping Stones Pre School will comply with its obligations under the Children Act 1989, the Children Act 2004 and the Equality Act 2010. It is our intention to make our Preschool genuinely accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community. In order to accomplish this we will:-

Ensure that the existence of the Preschool is widely known in all local communities. We will place notices advertising the Preschool in places where all sections of the community can see them, in more than one language if appropriate.

Describe the Preschool and its practices in terms which make it clear that it welcomes fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders and people from all cultural, ethnic, religious and social groups, with and without disabilities.

Monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the Group to ensure that no accidental discrimination is taking place.

Make our Equal opportunities policy widely known.

Be flexible about attendance patterns so as to accommodate the needs of individual children and families.

The waiting list is not operated on a first come first served basis, but on a fairer system of order of birth.

Families joining the preschool will be made aware of the equal opportunities policy and all other policies. We will encourage parents to spend a taster session in Preschool prior to starting in the group to allow us to discuss their needs and concerns and meet the practitioners.

Demand for places is high and therefore it may not be possible for us to fit your child into sessions that you require straight away, we will try to accommodate the need for spaces if this is possible.
We do not charge a booking fee but require parents to tell us if they no longer require a place one it has been booked.

**THIS POLICY WAS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF
THE PRESCHOOL HELD ON (DATE)**

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESCHOOL.....

Reviewed March 2011 vc