



Co-Parenting Policy

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection
Providers must have and implement a policy and procedure to safeguard children.

Policy Statement:

At Mosterton Pre-school we recognise the importance of fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all families, including those who co-parent. This co-parenting policy outlines our commitment to working collaboratively with both parents to support the well-being and development of the children in our care.

We believe that children benefit greatly when both co-parents are actively involved in their education and care. We also understand that family separation can be a difficult and emotional process for all involved. This policy sets out how we will support families and our staff team in navigating such situations sensitively and fairly.

Our Commitments:

1. Child Welfare:
 - The welfare of the child is always our highest priority
 - All decisions and actions taken will be made in the best interests of the child.
2. Court Orders:
 - We will comply with the terms of any official court order relating to a child's attendance. Contact or access – Provided we have received and reviewed an official copy.
 - A copy will be stored securely in the child's confidential file in a locked cabinet.
3. Access to Information:
 - Both parents will have equal access to information about their child, unless there is a legal restriction in place.
 - This includes:
 - Educational progress
 - Health Records
 - General communication from the nursery
4. Equal Participation:
 - We value and encourage the involvement of both parents in their child's nursery experience.
 - Both co-parents are welcome to participate in their child's learning, care and nursery activities.
 - All staff treat both parents with equal respect and professionalism.
5. Accidents and Incidents:
 - Any accidents or incidents will be documented using the appropriate forms
 - This will be discussed with the collecting parent – If we feel it is needed, we will email or phone the other parent to make them aware.



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6. Communication:

- Open, respectful communication between co-parents and the nursery is essential for ensuring the child's needs are met.
- We ask that parents keep us informed of any significant changes in family circumstances that may affect the child's behaviour, routines or general experience at nursery.

7. Emergency Contact Information:

- It is the responsibility of **both parents** to ensure that the nursery holds up-to-date and accurate emergency contact information.

Contracts:

- The nursery contract is separate from this policy
- It outlines specific details such as fees, funding and terms of attendance.
- This contract is legally binding only for the parent who has signed it and acknowledged receipt.

Parental Responsibility:

Having parental responsibility means having all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities, and authority that a parent has by law in relation to their child.

Parental responsibility can be obtained by:

- Being the child's biological parent (Depending on legal status)
- Being granted a residence order
- Being appointed as a guardian
- Being named in an emergency protection order
- Adopting the child

We may request evidence of parental responsibility where this is necessary for decision-making or sharing information.

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required, to ensure it remains up to date with relevant laws, guidance and best practice.

Policy date: September 2025

To be reviewed: **September 2026**