

# Care, Learning and Play Policy

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## 1. Care

- 1.1. We believe that all children should feel valued and confident and should be cared for in a warm and loving environment. We will work with parents and carers at all stages of the child's education and care to ensure our principles are put into practice.
- 1.2. Our aim is to provide a warm, caring and welcoming environment where all children feel safe, secure and supported to reach their full potential. We aim to provide a calm, gentle environment where every child is treated with understanding and empathy.

## 2. Learning and Play

- 2.1. Learning and play in our nursery is based around the principles of Rudolf Steiner. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage with some exemptions in the Development Matters section appropriate to the Waldorf Curriculum.
- 2.2. The rhythm and routine of our days are carefully constructed in order to provide children with a sense of security and happiness.
- 2.3. We provide a mixture of carefully structured group activities interspersed with numerous opportunities for creative free play and exploration. Group activities include rhymes, songs and poems, craft activities, cooking and story time.