



Working in partnership with other agencies

Policy statement

Southwell Smiley Faces work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all children.

Procedures

- Southwell Smiley faces work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of children.
- Procedures are in place for sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the Information Sharing protocol, Safeguarding Children procedures and the Special Educational Needs procedures.
- Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third party information. This is also kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
- When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome into Southwell Smiley Faces and their professional roles are respected.
- We follow the protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.
- Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the setting and do not have access to any other child(ren) during their visit.
- Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.
- When necessary we consult with local and national agencies who offer a wealth of advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who can provide

support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.

The following policies also support our Working in Partnership with Other Agencies Policy:

Information Sharing

Valuing Diversity and Promoting Equality

Supporting Children with SEN

The Role of the Key-Person in the Setting

Confidentiality and Client Access to Records

This policy is applicable to both pre-school and out of school club.