



Oscar Bears' Day Care

English as additional language (EAL) policy

A child may enter our setting who is already developing one or more languages.

EAL stands for English as an Additional Language. Bilingual is used to refer to those children who have access to more than one language at home and at school. It does not necessarily mean full fluency in both or all of their languages.

We always allow children with EAL extra space and time, patience and support, as they need.

We acknowledge and celebrate the skills they have in their home language for we believe this promotes confidence in their own abilities and raises their self-esteem.

We encourage parents that their children will benefit if they continue to use, maintain and develop their 'home' language.

We invite parents to share their home language and cultural background with staff and other children in the nursery through visits and the participation in activities. Parents are invited to provide a list of key words and phrases or translations of these, to assist the child's transition into Nursery. Staff will use this list with all children to provide comfort and inclusion.

Staff ensure that they use gestures, facial expressions and explanatory actions together with the use of objects to explain each part of an activity.

Staff ensure that they make their teaching as visual as possible through the provision of pictorial and additional resources to assist EAL children and to enable them to fully access the inclusive learning environment.

Promoting social skills and Learning language

Once started at Oscar Bears', the child's keyworker will find out as much as possible about individual needs, including correct pronunciation of their name, dietary requirements etc.

We can offer assistance when required for completing Registration forms and will make sure all information is provided in a form accessible to the individual family. Parents note what language is spoken at Home on our registration forms.

