



Your Child's Key Person

The role of your child's key person is:

At Little Explorers being such a small setting brings us the huge advantage that every staff member is able to be a vital part of every child's learning journey, ensuring every child feels safe and secure and we all work to develop strong relationships with every parent and carer. Together as a team we share the information we gather about each child so we all have an embedded understanding of their ever-changing needs, interests and background.

The key person is a named person who has responsibility in our setting for working with you and meeting your child's individual needs.

The key person will get to know you and your child really well, finding out about your child's preferences and routines and will be the person that shares information with you about their learning and development via Tapestry and face to face.

The key person role is important. Research and evidence show that children thrive when their needs are met by special people that they know, trust and respect. Familiarity, pattern and predictability support children's personal development and helps them understand who they are and what they can do. Children can concentrate and learn more effectively if they're not under stress or pressure, so having a key person who is attentive and knows the child well will support children in their personal, social and emotional development.

Children learn by observing and being with others. The key person is an important role model for the child who they can relate to and rely on. The key person observes your child to identify how they learn through their play, their next aspect of development, what their interests are and whether there is any cause for concern or need for extra support. They will share this information with you, working with you to formulate a plan of support.

What does this mean for me?

Your child's key person will work alongside you as parents and carers to ensure that there is continuity of care for your child supporting your child's emotional well-being. We encourage parents to share information about your child with this key person - the more you can tell us the better the relationship we will be able to form with your child and plan how to meet their needs.

Tapestry is an excellent tool in sharing your child's recent achievements, new interests or special experiences they may have taken part in as their key person will be able to follow up on these in Little Explorers. Tell your child's key person about any 'WOW' moments your child has had at home and when they meet developmental milestones. Together you can celebrate your child's achievements and plan suitable next steps to support them.

Keep your child's key person updated with any changes in routines or changes in your child's home life, for example, if you are moving house or expecting a sibling, as your child's key person will be able to support your child through transition times.

Your child's chosen key person is someone you can talk to about any concerns, they will know your child well and will be able to provide advice and support with all aspects of learning and development.

If you have any further questions regarding the role of the key person at Little Explorers please do not hesitate to discuss this with us.

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