

Staff Induction & Development

Each new member of staff at Happy Turtles receives a copy of all Happy Turtles' policies and procedures. Within the first month of their employment, the manager will discuss the practical implications of Happy Turtles' policies and procedures with them. The new staff member will sign the Policy Confirmation Slip to confirm that they have read and understood Happy Turtles' policies.

All new staff will receive induction training which will include:

- Introduction to their colleagues, children and parents or carers
- Tour of the premises including: identification of all fire exits, location of first aid kit and fire safety equipment, and information about the emergency evacuation procedures; outside play areas, fire assembly points, collection points at the school, route from the school to Happy Turtles etc, and identification of any known hazards
- Thorough briefing on our Safeguarding, Equalities and Data Protection policies and procedures.
- Location of Happy Turtles records and documentation, storage, toilets etc
- Overview of all aspects of the day-to-day management and running of Happy Turtles
- Explanation of Happy Turtles' obligation to comply with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Explanation of the processes for appraisals, training and development, booking holidays, sickness absence, staffing rota, etc.

Development and training

To ensure that staff development needs are being met, and that staff training, and qualifications are meeting the requirements of Happy Turtles and the EYFS, we provide all our staff with:

- a thorough induction process
- a system of regular appraisals and reviews
- opportunities for training and professional development.

We also keep an up to date record of staff qualifications and maintain a training development plan.

Appraisals and Supervisions

The manager will hold an annual appraisal meeting with individual staff. The appraisal will reflect on progress and challenges over the previous year and identify current knowledge and skills, areas for future development and potential training needs.

The manager will hold termly 'supervisions' with staff to monitor their professional development and their progress with regards to the targets set, and issues raised, during their annual appraisals.

Training

The manager will identify and promote suitable training courses for staff so that they can expand their professional development and keep their knowledge of childcare and play work issues up to date. Staff are expected to attend training courses as and when requested by their manager.

Staff meetings

Staff meetings provide a forum in which staff can share information, solve problems and raise work issues. Staff meetings are held every half term.

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Qualifications, training, support and skills [3.20 - 3.22]*.