

Complaints Policy



At Kids2Day Pre-School we aim to work in partnership with parents to deliver a high quality childcare service for everyone. If for any reason we fall short of this goal, we would like to be informed in order to amend our practices for the future.

This policy applies to:

- Families and guardians
- Children (where appropriate)
- Educators and staff
- Management
- Volunteers
- Students
- Contractors
- Visitors

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction that requires investigation, response, or resolution. It differs from general feedback, suggestions, or compliments, which are intended to provide opinions, ideas, or positive recognition rather than request action.

Our complaints policy is displayed on the premises on the parent notice board at all times. Any complaint is recorded in the Complaints log. Records of all complaints are kept for at least three years. A summary of complaints is available on request. The manager is usually responsible for dealing with complaints. If the complaint is about the manager, the registered person or other senior member of staff will investigate the matter. Any complaints received that are not child related will be recorded on an **Incident log** and a **Complaints log** will be completed. Any complaints made will be dealt with in the following manner:

Stage one

Complaints about aspects of Pre-School activity:

- The manager will discuss the matter informally with the parent or carer concerned and aim to reach a satisfactory resolution.

Complaints about an individual staff member:

- If appropriate the parent will be encouraged to discuss the matter with staff concerned.
- If the parent feels that this is not appropriate, the matter will be discussed with the manager, who will then discuss the complaint with the staff member and try to reach a satisfactory resolution.

Stage two

If it is impossible to reach a satisfactory resolution to the complaint through informal discussion, the parent or carer should put their complaint in writing to the manager. The manager will:

- Acknowledge receipt of the letter within 7 days.
- Investigate the matter and notify the complainant of the outcome within 28 days.

- Send a full response in writing, to all relevant parties, including details of any recommended changes to be made to the Pre-School's practices or policies as a result of the complaint.
- Meet relevant parties to discuss the Pre-School's response to the complaint, either together or on an individual basis.

If child protection issues are raised, the manager will refer the situation to the Pre-School's Designated Safeguarding Lead, who will then contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and follow the procedures of the **Safeguarding Policy**. If a criminal act may have been committed, the manager will contact the police.

Throughout the complaint process we will uphold our commitment to the following:

- Respect and fairness
- Natural justice/procedural fairness
- Confidentiality
- Timely resolution
- Accessibility
- Cultural sensitivity and inclusion
- Child safety as the highest priority

Making a complaint to Ofsted

Any parent or carer can submit a complaint to Ofsted about Kids2Day Pre-School at any time. Poster is on parent notice board. Ofsted will consider and investigate all complaints. Ofsted's address is: Ofsted, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD

Telephone: 0300 123 1231 (general enquiries)
0300 123 4666 (complaints)

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