

## CONSENT POLICY

### Policy's statement of Intent

It is our intention to keep all our children safe from harm and enjoy a full learning experience in our playgroup. Parents/carers will be asked to complete consent forms before their child commences playgroup to ensure a smooth running environment.

### Aim

We aim to ensure that children are cared for and educated to a high standard with the overall consent from parents/carers.

### Methods

#### GUARDIAN PERMISSION

When a child becomes ill at Playgroup every effort will be made to contact the Parents who will be requested to collect their child as soon as possible. In the case of an accident, however, we may need to act as Guardian to your Child if we are unable to contact you at home or at work.

#### BASIC FIRST AID PERMISSION

There may be occasions when Playgroup Staff will need to administer basic first aid to small cuts or grazes. There is the possibility that a Child could have an allergic reaction to this treatment. For this reason the Playgroup Staff need to have your permission to carry out basic first aid on your Child and we need your confirmation that you will not hold the Playgroup or any member of Staff responsible, if the child has an allergic reaction.

#### ADMINISTRATING MEDICATION

Children may, at times, need to take medication in the playgroup. If this is the case, it is important that you see the playgroup leader who will complete an Administration of Medication form with you which you will have to sign. Medication will not be given unless this form has been completed by yourself and staff of the playgroup.

#### PLAYGROUP ILLNESS POLICY

In most cases, whenever a child is sent home, we feel it would be beneficial for them to see a Doctor. Please notify us if you are aware that your child has a contagious disease, or if the cause of the illness has been confirmed by your Doctor. Children suffering from illness or diarrhoea must not return to the playgroup until 48 hours have elapsed from the last bout of the sickness/diarrhoea and they are eating normally. A copy of the playgroup illness policy is in the Parent's Booklet.

PLAYGROUP PETS

We, at Mallusk Community Playgroup, believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals. We have got pets in the setting and these pets have helped children settle into the playgroup. At times, the children are allowed to feed and handle the pets, under supervision.

SHORT OUTINGS/WALKS

At times we will bring the children to the local park to play or to collect items for our nature/interest table. Access to the park will be via the local primary school so children will not be near the Mallusk Road. We will, at times, also go the Mallusk Primary School via the side gate.

CHANGING YOUR CHILD

At times your child may have a toileting accident or get wet while playing inside or outside. Consent is required to change the child.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs and videos are a way in which playgroup staff observe and capture your child’s learning in the playgroup setting. These photographs are only used by the playgroup staff to progress your child’s learning and at the end of the year these photographs are given to parents

PHOTOGRAPHS TO PROMOTE PLAYGROUP

Photographs can be used to promote the playgroup via our website, face book page, our own made up books or newspaper advertising. If you are happy with your child’s photograph being taken and used by the playgroup or sponsors to promote or advertise the playgroup or to promote or advertise fundraising events or functions. Please note that at times, photographs can be taken at short notice.

OBSERVATIONS

Observation is a tool that enables staff to provide a challenging and extension to each child’s learning. By observing how children respond to activities, staff will be able to evaluate if the activities and resources they have provided meet the needs of all the children and helps them to plan a broad, balanced and appropriate curriculum. All observations will be treated with confidentiality.

APPLICATION OF SUNCREAM

During the good weather it is important that your child has got sun cream applied to protect their skin. We will ensure that the sun cream sent in with your child is applied.

ATTENDING LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR ASSEMBLY, STORY TELLING AND OTHER EVENTS

We have good links with the local primary school, and as such we attend events to promote good relations between staff, children and parents/carers.

**This Policy was Renewed and Adopted by Mallusk Community Playgroup on:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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