

Parkside Playgroup

1. Children's Rights and Entitlements

Every child attending an early year's provision in Hounslow should experience care and education in which their safety, dignity, identity, development and individual needs are respected.

This policy is informed by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Our approach is based on the following expectations.

Children are safe

Children have the right to be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation, discrimination and avoidable harm.

Adults must recognise concerns, listen carefully to children and take appropriate action without unnecessary delay.

Children are heard

Children communicate in many different ways. Their views may be expressed through language, behaviour, play, facial expression, movement, signs, symbols or other communication methods. Staff take account of each child's age, development and communication needs and ensure that children are given meaningful opportunities to express preferences, feelings and concerns.

Children are included

Every child should be able to participate in early education and childcare without unlawful discrimination.

Providers value differences in culture, language, ethnicity, religion, family circumstances, sex, disability and additional needs and make reasonable adjustments where required.

Children develop secure relationships

Warm, responsive and predictable relationships are fundamental to children's wellbeing.

The key-person approach supports children to develop secure relationships with adults who know them well and can respond appropriately to their needs.

Children are supported to learn and develop

Children should have access to an ambitious, inclusive and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Practitioners recognise children as individuals and use their knowledge of each child's interests, strengths, experiences and needs to plan appropriate learning opportunities.

Children experience dignity and respect

Children are treated respectfully during all aspects of care, including eating, sleeping, toileting, nappy changing and intimate care.

Their privacy is protected appropriately, while safeguarding remains the overriding consideration.

Children receive coordinated support when needed

Where additional needs or safeguarding concerns are identified, providers work with parents/carers and, where appropriate, Hounslow services and other professionals to secure timely help.

The child’s welfare and best interests remain central to decision-making.

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Signed on behalf of the provider	
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Role of signatory	Chairperson