



## **Protecting your children and the use of photographs.**

### **A guide for parents.**



As an organisation we realise that you have entrusted to us your most precious possession, and so we strive to provide settings, which ensure that your child is safe, secure, valued and inspired.

Sadly we live in a society where not everyone has children's best interests at heart. We have already asked for your consent for photographs of your child to be used in displays within the settings and learning journals.

However, we must all remember that some parents and other people in temporary care of children may not be able to grant permission for photographs, as to do so could endanger the child, as his/her whereabouts may need to be kept secret.

### **Why do we use photographs?**

#### **To record and capture special moments.**

The curriculum, which your child participates in our settings, is based upon first hand experiences and active learning.

Observations of your child's play and activities form the basis of our assessment of the progress he/she is making and the identification of next steps in learning. Much of this is ongoing assessment recorded through our line system of Tapestry and Family. – An individual invaluable resource which will be gives you as parents an upto date record/ observation of your child's early learning.

Many of the special moments in your child's time with us will be captured in photographs. This enables you to share in the experience in some way even though you could not be present at the time it occurred.

#### **To show what we do as a childcare setting**

When we have meetings for parents we may use the Tapestry/ Family system to explain how we work as a setting. This is an invaluable way of showing what active learning looks like in our settings.