

Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

House of Fun is committed to meeting the requirements of the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2024* (EYFS). EYFS applies to all children from birth through to the end of their reception year. More information about EYFS is available from the Department for Education's website.

As an out of school provider for school aged children, we are exempt within the EYFS from specific provision for children's learning and development and the assessment requirements as other providers are required to do. This is in recognition that children in this age group attend a primary education provider (usually school reception class) and we will work with the child's parent and other providers as set out below in order to ensure that children's needs are met (EYFS, 2024, Page 6)

The designated EYFS coordinator at House of Fun is Mr Jake Motion who is responsible for - where required:

- Identifying EYFS children when they join House of Fun, and informing the other staff
- Determining the primary EYFS provider (typically, the school) for each child
- Assigning a key person for each EYFS child
- Implementing a communication book or another suitable method, so that the parents, House of Fun and the primary EYFS provider can easily exchange information
- Agreeing information sharing policies with the primary EYFS provider and gaining parental consent for this where necessary
- Liaising with the primary EYFS provider to discuss what support House of Fun offers to EYFS children

House of Fun provides a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. House of Fun always follows the playwork principles, allowing children to choose how they occupy their time, and never forces them to participate in a given activity.

We recognise the four overarching principles of EYFS:

- **A Unique Child:** Every child is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured. We use positive encouragement and praise to motivate the children in our care.
- **Positive Relationships:** Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships. We aim to develop caring, respectful, professional relationships with the children and their families.
- **Enabling Environments:** Children learn and develop well in environments in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and where there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents/carers. We observe children in order to understand their current interests and development before planning appropriate play-based activities for them.
- **Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates.** The EYFS framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities. We tailor the experiences we offer the children in our care according to their individual needs and abilities.

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To be reviewed: January 2025	Signed: Mr M Hilsdon

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