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Data Protection and Confidentiality

At The Tin Drum Nursery we recognise that we hold sensitive/confidential information about children and their families and the staff we employ. This information is used to meet children's needs for registers, invoices, care needs and emergency contacts. We store all records in the office or on the office computers which are password protected in line with data protection procedures. Any information shared with the staff team is done on a 'need to know' basis and treated in confidence. This policy will work alongside the Privacy Notice to ensure compliance under General Data Protection Regulation ((Regulation (EU) 2016/679(GDPR)). Our ICO registration certificate can be found in: **The Main Hallway.**

Legal requirements

- We follow the legal requirements set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS) 2021 and accompanying regulations about the information we must hold about registered children and their families and the staff working at the nursery.
- We follow the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with regard to the storage of data and access to it.

Procedures

It is our intention to respect the privacy of children and their families and we will do so by:

- Storing confidential records in a locked filing cabinet in the office and on office computers that are password protected.
- Ensuring that all staff, volunteers and students are aware that this information is confidential and only for use within the nursery and to support the child's best interests with parental permission.
- Ensuring that all staff, volunteers and student inductions include an awareness of the importance of confidentiality and that information about the child and family is not shared outside of the nursery other than with relevant professionals who need to know that information. It is not shared with friends or family, discussions outside of work. If staff breach any confidentiality provisions, this may result in disciplinary action and, in serious cases dismissal. Students on placement in the nursery are advised of our confidentiality policy and required to respect it.
- Ensuring that parents have access to files and records of their own children but not to those of any other child, other than where relevant professionals such as the police or local authority children's social care team decide this is not in the child's best interest.

- Ensuring all staff are aware that this information is confidential and only for use within the nursery setting. If any of this information is requested for whatever reason, the parent's permission will always be sought other than in the circumstances above.
- Ensuring staff do not discuss personal information given by parents with other members of staff, except where it affects planning for the child's needs.
- Ensuring staff, students and volunteers are aware of and follow our social networking policy in relation to confidentiality.
- Ensuring issues concerning the employment of staff remain confidential to the people directly involved with making personnel decisions.
- Ensuring any concerns/evidence relating to a child's personal safety are kept in a secure, confidential file and are shared with as few people as possible on a 'need to know' basis. If, however a child is considered at risk, our safeguarding/child protection policy will override confidentiality.

All the undertakings above are subject to the paramount commitment of the nursery, which is to the safety and wellbeing of the child.

General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) compliance

In order to meet our requirements under GDPR we will also undertake the following:

1. We will ensure our terms & conditions, privacy and consent notices are easily accessed/made available in accurate and easy to understand language.
2. We will use your data only for reasons relating to providing a childcare service and only contact you in regards to information relating to your child or our nursery. We will not share or use your data for other purposes.
3. Everyone in our nursery understands that people have the right to access their records or have their records amended or deleted (subject to other laws and regulations).

Staff and volunteer information

- All information and records relating to staff will be kept confidentially in a cabinet in the office.
- Individual staff may request to see their own personal file at any time.

Staff Recruitment records

- Any personal information relating to unsuccessful candidates will be held for a period of 6 months – 1 year, in case of any claim made by the candidate of discrimination during the interview process.

THIS POLICY LINKS IN WITH OUR CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY, AS WELL AS OUR ACCESS & STORAGE OF INFORMATION POLICY.

Policy adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Policy review on
01/09/22		01/09/23