

Roundhouse Day Nursery Limited

The Role of the Key Person - Parents.

The key person is a named person, who will have responsibility for a small group of children in the setting. They will take a particular interest in their welfare and development.

Your key person at nursery, will be a dedicated member of staff who will support your child through their pre-school journey and work in partnership with you in the best interests of your child.

On induction the key person will be responsible for building a relationship with each family, whilst completing the required paperwork for the setting. The key person will encourage the parents to share information about their child, including their likes, dislikes and personal preferences and their usual daily routines.

The key person will support your child through their first experiences at the setting and promote their emotional wellbeing. They will liaise with parents in regards to their child's health, wellbeing and development. It is important for parents to share any relevant information in regards to their child or their home life, to ensure that the key person can be sensitive to the families changing needs.

The key person will help to ensure that all of your child's basic needs are met. They will support them to find a voice, make choices and find out who they are and what they can do. These are a child's first steps to their learning.

The key person will track your child's development at nursery, completing observations and assessments to ensure that they are meeting targets for their age/stage of development. The key person will highlight any areas that may be cause for concern, either in regards to their development or their behaviour and discuss early interventions with parents and any other relevant outside agencies to ensure that the children have the best chance to succeed.

At the Roundhouse everyone is responsible for safeguarding the children in the setting. The key person will have completed child protection training and will carefully monitor the children in their group. If the key person has any concerns, they will be reported to the nursery designated safeguarding lead.

The key person provides a role model for children in terms of behaviour providing them with suitable rules and boundaries. The model kind and respectful behaviour, for the children to observe and emulate. In times of dispute with others, they offer the children support to find their own solutions and build stable relationships with their peers.

Children learn more effectively when they are supported and have carers who are attentive to their personal needs. Therefore the key person system can relieve stress from the child, allowing them to reach their full potential. The key person supports physical needs too, helping with issues like nappy changing, toileting and dressing.

The key person is someone you can talk to about any concerns, they will know your child well and will be able to provide advice and support in regards to the EYFS and your child's learning and development. You will be offered regular opportunities to talk to your child's key person to discuss their learning and development. However parents are free to book an appointment, at any time to speak to their key person if they wish.