



## Little Cherries

Providing Early Years education through play

### Staff supervision policy

Supervision is a formal and recorded process through which the professional actions of staff are examined and regularly reviewed. It provides a recorded system of decision making that is audited to improve practice and service to children and parents.

Supervision acts as a means for ensuring that members of staff have access to the support, training and procedures they require for professional growth and development.

Supervision enables supervisors and supervisees to examine and reflect on the quality of their practice and to facilitate discussion. Supervision meetings should provide opportunities for staff to:

- discuss any issues – particularly concerning children's development and well-being;
- identify solutions to address issues as they arise;
- receive coaching to improve their personal effectiveness.

At Little Cherries all practitioners who work directly with children and families are supervised by their designated line manager.

Supervision meetings are held termly for each staff member.

Supervision meetings are conducted in line with existing procedures and are held in a confidential space suitable for the task. Supervision agreements are drawn up for all staff. A copy of the supervision record form is retained by the supervisor and a copy provided to the supervisee.

Each member of staff has a supervision file which holds a copy of the supervision agreement and their supervision record form. The supervision file is stored securely at all times.

All supervision meetings must include discussions concerning the development and well-being of each of the supervisee's key children. All aspects of supervision must ultimately focus on promoting the interests of children.

Where concerns are raised, the supervisor and supervisee must seek to identify solutions and identify further actions that need to be taken – these are recorded on the child's file and may include support from external agencies.

During supervision meetings members of staff are able to discuss any concerns they have about inappropriate behaviour displayed by colleagues.

During supervision meetings staff are reminded of the need to disclose any convictions, cautions, court orders, reprimands and warnings relating to themselves which may affect their suitability to work

