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**Working in Partnership with other Agencies Policy**

**Name of Early Years Setting: Jellie tots Pre-school**

**Date of written: Oct 2009**

**Date of next review: Aug 2020**

**Early Years Foundation Stage**

**General welfare requirement:** Safeguarding and promoting children’s welfare. The provider must take steps necessary to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

**EYFS principles:** Unique Child, Positive Relationships, Enabling Environment.

**Outcome:** Positive Contribution

**Creating a Framework for partnership working**

Partnership working underpins successful delivery of the Early Years Foundation in a number of ways. It is a requirement to work with professionals from other agencies such as local and community health services or where children are looked after by the local authority because:

* It ensures continuity and coherence by sharing relevant information.
* It helps identify children’s learning needs and ensures a quick response to any area of particular difficulty.
* It promotes the well-being of all children.

Jellie Tots Pre-school is registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office for data protection. (Data Protection Act 1998)

**Procedures**

* Information shared with other agencies is regarded as third party information. This is kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
* We welcome working with other agencies, and their professional roles are respected.
* We follow protocols for working with other agencies on issues such as child protection.
* Staff from other agencies will not have unsupervised access to children whilst in the nursery.
* We work very closely with the local authority who offer advice, support and guidance in helping us to self evaluate our service in order to develop our practice.
* We may consult with other agencies to gain information on topics and health issues, such as drug and alcohol agencies, welfare rights, domestic violence.

This policy was adopted at a committee meeting held: October 2009.

Signed on behalf of Jellie Tots Pre-school ..........................................................................