Section 1: The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

A revised Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was published in March 2017 for implementation in April 2017. The main changes include amendments to child protection requirements, qualification and health and medicines. A full breakdown of the changes can be found at <http://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Shop/previews/EYFS_april_2017.aspx>

Little Plums Day Nursery continues to include the key policies within the EYFS section, as the EYFS continues to requires providers to have systems in place for example to follow health and safety legislation, to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and to be responsible for managing children’s behaviour in an appropriate way. It is in your best interests to have written policies in place to support practice, consistency across staff, to provide clarity for parents and to promote quality for children and families.

The following written policies are still legal requirements in the EYFS 2017 for group provision:

* Child protection
* Responding to specific health needs of children who are ill or infectious
* Administrating medicines
* Complaints.

**1: Child protection**

This includes the overall summary for safeguarding and child protection, intimate and safe care, whistleblowing, allegations against staff, Prevent Duty, use of cameras, mobile phones, recording devices and social networking policy. The policy must include the referral process with named individuals who are responsible for reporting concerns and the contact details of the social care team and Local Authority Designated Lead (LADO) to report concerns.

**2: Equality**

This includes the overall summary of inclusive practice, special educational needs, looked after children and dealing with discriminatory behaviour.

**3: Health and Safety**

This includes the overall summary of health and safety. Further recommended information can be found in the health and safety section.

**4: Responding to specific health needs of children who are ill or infectious**

This includes the sickness and illness policy and infection control policy. Further recommended policies and procedures can be found in the best practice section.

**5: Administrating medicines**

This includes the medication policy and form.

**6: Managing behaviour**

This includes the promoting positive behaviour policy and biting policy.

**7: Overall approach to risk assessment**

This includes the new risk assessment policy.

**8: Complaints**

This includes the complaints and compliments procedure.

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| **This policy was adopted on** | **Signed on behalf of the nursery** | **Date for review** |
| *01/01/2020* | *Mrs S Bath (Director)* | *31/12/2021* |