



Statement of Purpose

The aim of Deganwy playgroup and playgroup plus is to create a happy and friendly environment in which girls & boys can grow in confidence and develop social skills. By allowing the boys & girls to explore and learn through play, the staff encourage the girls & boys to develop new skills to ensure an easier transition into primary school education.

We provide sessions within our registered full day-care hours, for up to 30 children during term time from the age of 2 years old for Flying Start outreach children and between the ages of 2.5 - 3 years for playgroup children, and 3-4 years for playgroup plus children who attend part time school.

The playgroup is run by a voluntary trustee committee of parents/carers who employ a team of qualified and dedicated staff.

All staff and key members of the committee are DBS checked where needed. The minimum staff ratio is 1:4 with one adult to 4 children aged 2 years, and 1:8 with one adult to 8 children aged 3-7 years.

The playgroup is situated in the school grounds, in a purpose-built premises at the Deganwy Play and Learning Centre. Pedestrian access to the building is via a gate on Pentwyn Road.

We have a light open plan room, (77sq.m) which is divided into different learning areas; these include small world play, construction, role play area, craft area, quiet area for looking at books and for circle time. We have wall mountings to display the children's work. We have a Playgroup Pet (currently a very old African Land Snail) Who live at the managers home, but visits playgroup when active.

There is access to an outdoor area, with an all-weather soft impact surface and covered veranda; there is also a grassed area which includes a wooden den, a wooden activity house, soil digging area, sand pit, a mud kitchen area and a gazebo for outdoor classroom, role play covered area.

The playgroup session runs from 8.45am to 10.45am Monday to Friday or 8.45am till 1pm or 8.45am to 2.45 pm extended sessions, for those parents requiring extra care provision for their children that are 3 years old. The playgroup plus sessions run from 9am to 1pm & 11.00am to 2.45pm in term time as wrap around care. These are for the children we collect and take to Ysgol Deganwy.

The majority of activities and experiences offered are carried out in English and the children are introduced to the Welsh language through activities, song and a general

introduction in each of the learning areas.

A registration form must be completed, and a contract signed before a child can attend playgroup or playgroup plus. Should it be required we have a comprehensive complaints policy.

We have access to 3-year funding for all boys & girls who meet the necessary requirements. Where we teach the New Curriculum Wales education, phased in from the Foundation Phase education for the registered 3-year-olds who meet the criteria needed. We aim to offer our service to all families with boys & girls of eligible age within the local community. We are also members of the 30hrs Childcare offer for eligible children aged 3 & 4 years old.

We have become a Flying Start Funded setting for children of families who are registered through Flying Start scheme. We will provide 2 hours per day for 5 days, Monday-Friday term time only, where space is available.

Emergency Evacuation procedure

The Supervisor/Manager will blow a whistle or fire alarm will sound and everyone will quickly and calmly move immediately to the appropriate exit doors.

In the setting there are two possible exits: one to the front of the building and one to the rear, that may be used in the practice; which one, is decided at the start of the practice.

On exiting the building everyone will assemble at the appropriate assembly point as previously mentioned.

The Supervisor/Manager will take the register and account for everyone.

Should the danger be in the outside play area then all to assemble at the assembly point on the ramp at the front of the DPLA building unless access through the playgroup is blocked then assembly should be in school playground at back of playgroups.

In the event of a fire the Supervisor/Manager will telephone the emergency services, then contact parents.

In the event of a complaint please address your complaint to the registered person, *Lisa Morgan, or the Chairperson of the trustee committee* who has been delegated by Lisa to resolve complaints.

At any time during the process of the complaint being resolved, the complainant has the right to complain to CIW (CIW.org.uk) or, where relevant, the local authority which has arranged for the care of a child at the provision.

This Statement of Purpose will be reviewed annually, and CIW will be informed of any changes.

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Lisa Morgan
Manager