

# Sturminster Marshall Pre-School



Registered Charity No: 1026037

Ofsted URN; 144318

Affiliated to the Pre-School Learning Alliance

## 06.11 Looked after children

### Identification.

A 'Looked after Child' is a child in public care, who is placed with foster carers, in a residential home or with parents or other relatives.

### Services provided to Looked After Children

#### *Under two-year-olds*

- Places will not normally be provided for babies and under one-year-olds who are in public care.
- We can offer services that enable a child to play/engage with other children while the carer stays.
- Where the child is already in attendance and has a secure attachment with an existing key person a continuation of the existing place will be offered.

#### *Two-year-olds*

- Places will be offered to two-year-old children who are looked after.
- Where the child is already in attendance and has a secure attachment with an existing key person a continuation of the existing place will be offered.

#### *Three- and four-year-olds*

- Places will be offered for funded three- and four-year -olds who are looked after.
- If a child who attends a setting is taken into care and is cared for by a local carer the place will continue to be made available to the child.

### Additional Support

- The designated person and key person liaise with agencies and professionals involved with the child, and his or her family, and ensure appropriate information is gained and shared.
- A meeting of professionals involved with the child is convened by the setting at the start of a placement.
- A care plan for looked after children form is completed. The care plan is reviewed after two weeks, six weeks, three months, and thereafter at three to six monthly intervals.

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- Regular contact will be maintained with the social worker through planned meetings, which will include contribution to the plan which is reviewed annually.

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