



Little Forest Folk

Observation and Assessment of children's progress

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As part of our daily practice, we observe and assess children's development and learning to inform our future plans and ensure that children are developing. We record our observations in a variety of ways. Everyone is encouraged to contribute and discussions between educators and families frequently take place.

Aim

To know each child's level of development to ensure that planning meets the diverse needs of all the children;

- To fully support learning and development;
- To celebrate progress in learning and development;
- To value the contributions of and work in partnership with parents.

Methods

In order to minimize the amount of time taken away from time spent with children in order to spend on observations and assessments, Little Forest Folk use a software system called 'Family'.

Each member of staff will be given a smart phone pre-loaded with Family software. This software makes it possible to create records of observations instantly, whilst adding notes and images (photographs and videos) and having them instantly available to any authorized person as part of the complete story of the child's life at Little Forest Folk. Additionally, parents will be able to view and comment on these special moments and be able to contribute their own stories of the child's life outside nursery.

Family is obliged to comply with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We do that be ensuring that the data you've entered into your Family platform is safely stored, encrypted when communicating with our servers, and only can be accessed by people with the right access permissions.

For further information, please see Little Forest Folk's Family Policy.