

It is a statutory requirement of the EYFS each child must be assigned a key person.

KEY PERSON POLICY

Where does the key person approach come from?

The key person approach has been significantly influenced by the work of Elinor Goldschmied, who introduced the concept of the key person. The key person approach is rooted in attachment theory which recognises the need for children to have a secure, safe base to explore from, and return to a key person.

The concept of key person was introduced to place greater emphasis and understanding on the need for a relationship based system in which the adult tunes into the needs of the child and responds appropriately to meet these needs.

Little Greys operates a key person system. Every family attending our Pre-School will be allocated a member of staff as their key person. Each key person is responsible for a number of children.

Your key person is responsible for:

- Establishing a good positive relationship between parents/carers and Little Greys Pre-School and forming strong liaison with the family.
- To help ensure each key child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs.
- A key person talks to parents to make sure that child is being cared for appropriately for each family.
- Careful records of the child's development and progress are created and shared with parents, the child and other professionals as necessary.
- Support children as they move groups or settings, help them become familiar with their new key person.