

51. Multiple Birth Families Policy

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At La Petite Academy we aim to ensure that all families are included and supported fully, no matter how big or small. There are more and more multiple births occurring in the UK, twins, triplets and even more.

As a nursery we accommodate all families and work together with parents to ensure all children are treated as individuals and supported to make the best progress they can.

Twins, triplets and other multiple birth children will have unique relationships with their sibling(s), different to any other relationship in the nursery so we will take this into consideration with all aspects of care and early learning.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our Settling in Policy and Partnership with Parent Policies. In addition to these to support the needs of multiple birth families, we will:

- Acknowledge multiple birth relationship as special and to be celebrated as well as enabling children to develop as individuals
- Work with parents to explore each child's individual preferences, interests, needs and starting points including, where applicable ways for staff to identify them apart
- Complete individual forms for each child to discover their routines (where age appropriate), individual requirements, dietary needs etc.
- Recognise each child and call them by their name. Differences will be recognised and tuned into to enable each child to be seen as an individual
- Create "all about me" books for each child, including photos and special features
- Recognise and celebrate all individual achievements
- Report back on each child separately at the end of the day to the parents
- Consider separation if this is beneficial for their development. Parents, and where appropriate the children, will be involved in the decision for when, where and how this may occur (e.g. focused activities, outdoor play)
- Arrange parental consultations for each child. Each child will be compared against the peer group or against typical developmental benchmarks not compared to their sibling. Each child will receive the same time during the consultation as any other child in the setting and

will not be disadvantaged by time available for discussion. Assessments will be shared based on their individual progress and comparisons between the children will not be made, any concerns will be discussed as per SEND policy.

- Understand that each child is unique and not expect them to behave in the same manner, excel in the same areas or enjoy the same activities
- Ensure all staff are able to identify each child and know and use their name.

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