**WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AGENCIES POLICY.**

Cowling Preschool ensures that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and developmental experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs, and we are committed to working in partnership with other agencies to promote this.

**Policy Statement.**

We work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all our children. They can offer a wealth of advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors, or organisations promoting childcare and education or adult education.

**Procedures.**

* Procedures are in place for sharing of information about children and families with other agencies, in line with GDPR May 2018. These are set out in our Information Sharing Policy, Safe Guarding Children policies and the Special Educational Needs Policy.
* Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third party information. This is also kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
* When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected.
* We follow the protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.
* Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the preschool, or any other children during their visit.
* Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.

**This policy was adopted on .………………………………….......**

**Date to be reviewed ...…………………………………….**

**Signed on behalf of the management committee …………………………………………**

**Name of signatory …………………………………………**

**Role of signatory (e.g. Chair/owner) …………………………………………**