

Student Placement Policy

We recognise that a pre-school is the ideal place for students on placement from school and childcare courses to experience good practice and observe quality and variety of work.

Students are welcomed into Offwell Under Fives on the following conditions:

- Our first priority is the needs of the children. Students will only be admitted in small numbers which will not interfere with the work of the pre-school sessions.
- The school/college tutor must confirm that the student is undertaking a bona fide childcare course which includes some essential background understanding of children's development and activities.
- If a student is required to undertake a child study as part of the course, he/she must obtain written permission from the parents/carers of that child.
- The student must respect the confidentiality of any information learned regarding the children, families or other adults.
- Unless they have undergone suitable person checks, students will not be left with the children in an unsupervised situation.
- Students will not be counted in the normal child:staff ratios.