



Child Induction Policy

When children first join Deaf Active they will be allowed to settle in at their own pace.

We encourage parents or carers to visit the premises with their children shortly before they are due to start. This gives the children the opportunity to look around the organisation and ask any questions. It also gives parents the opportunity to complete the necessary paperwork for registration with the organisation if this has not yet been done.

Induction for new children

- The new child will be introduced to all members of staff and informed about any other regular visitors to the organisation.
- The organisation's activities, rules and routines, such as snacks, signing in and signing out, will be explained.
- The child will be shown around the organisation and told where they can and cannot go.
- The fire evacuation procedure and the locations of all fire exits will be explained.
- The child will be introduced to the other children at the organisation and allocated a 'buddy' who will assist them with finding their way around and involving them in activities.
- Staff will keep a close eye on the new child and will ensure that they are happy, engaged and feel secure in the organisation environment.

If a child seems to be taking an unusually long time to settle in, this will be discussed with their parents or carers to see what can be done to make the transition easier.

This policy was adopted by: Thomas Maher	Date: August 2025
To be reviewed: September 2026	Signed: T.Maher

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021)*: *Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Information and Records [3.71-3.72]; Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment [3.54] and Child Protection [3.7]*.

I confirm that I have read and understand the above policy.

Staff Name	Date	Signature

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