

NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN
For Planning Application
Little Cedars Montessori Ltd – Expansion
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Nursery Staff Training Programme

Noise Awareness and Proactive Noise Management

Training Overview

Purpose:

To ensure all nursery staff understand how noise from nursery activities can impact nearby residents and how they can proactively manage noise levels, particularly following the completion of the nursery extension.

Audience:

All nursery staff, including management, practitioners, support staff, and relief staff.

Delivery Method:

Staff meeting (in-person).

Duration:

30–45 minutes

Trainer:

Nursery Manager & Deputy Manager - Designated Noise Lead

Training Objectives

By the end of the session, staff will:

- Understand why noise management is important for neighbours and planning compliance
- Recognise common sources of nursery-related noise
- Know practical strategies to reduce unnecessary noise
- Understand individual responsibility in managing noise
- Be aware of procedures for monitoring and responding to noise concerns

Context and Planning Requirement

The nursery operates close to residential properties. As part of the planning permission for the nursery extension, the nursery must demonstrate noise awareness and proactive noise management. Noise control must not compromise children's wellbeing or safeguarding.

Understanding Noise in a Nursery Environment

Typical sources of noise include:

- Outdoor play

- Doors and gates
- Equipment movement
- Staff voices
- Arrival and collection times
- Music or sound-based activities

Children making noise is normal; staff should manage how, when, and where noise occurs.

Proactive Noise Management Strategies

Outdoor Play:

- Rotate activities
- Position louder play away from boundaries
- Encourage calm games
- Use calm voice levels

Staff Behaviour:

- Be mindful of voice levels
- Avoid calling across spaces
- Model calm communication

Equipment:

- Avoid dragging furniture
- Store equipment quietly
- Limit amplified music outdoors

Arrival and Collection:

- Support calm transitions
- Encourage parent awareness

Monitoring and Responding to Noise

Staff should intervene early if noise escalates. Any complaints must be reported to management and logged.

Roles and Responsibilities

- All staff: day-to-day awareness
- Room leaders: monitoring activities
- Management: oversight and review

Review and Ongoing Commitment

Noise awareness will be included in inductions, staff meetings, and policy reviews.