



## Key Person Approach

### What is it?

We believe the key person approach (KPA) to nursery care needs greater recognition because of its importance for the children we look after at Carousel Day Nursery. The aim of the KPA is to enable and support close attachments between individual children and their families, and nursery staff. We organise and focus all of our work at Carousel around the KPA. The close attachment between children and staff can be very helpful when settling a new child into nursery, and can also provide a vital contact for those parents/carers who want their child to feel special to someone at nursery. Parents/carers are kept closely informed about their child's day; if they cannot be present during that time the key person can make them feel as if they were, so they do not have to be excluded from the details and intimacies of their child's day away from them.

### KPA at Carousel

At Carousel each nursery nurse has 7-8 children in her key person group (2-3 *each day*). It is that key person's responsibility to write the '**Your Day**' report forms each day for each of the children in their group. It is also their responsibility to compile the Early Learning Journeys for each child in their group. Early Learning Journeys are an illustration of a child's progress through nursery based on the themes and principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learning goals, which can be discussed with parents at any time.

At Carousel we believe that the best interests of the child are served by them having a variety of relationships, so when the child has formed a confident and trusting relationship with their key person, they will be encouraged to relate to a wider group of adults. This is also very helpful when it is time for the child to move up into the next area of the nursery as they will be confident and secure in forming a new key person relationship.

Your child will be assigned a key person once a place has been reserved for them at Carousel and a start date agreed upon. Settling in will be co-ordinated by the key person, and can include a home visit for those parents who would like one.