



# **Admissions & Registration Procedure**

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#### 1. Purpose of the Procedure

This procedure outlines how children and families are **admitted**, **registered**, **and welcomed** into The Daffodil Project CIC. It ensures the process is **clear**, **inclusive**, **and aligned with our safeguarding and support principles**, providing every child with a safe, positive start.

#### 2. Scope

This procedure applies to:

- All new children and families referred to or enquiring about the project
- All staff and volunteers involved in the admissions and induction process
- Partner organisations (e.g. schools, local authorities) involved in referrals

# 3. Principles of Access and Inclusion

- We are committed to being an **inclusive setting**, welcoming children from all backgrounds, needs, and abilities
- Priority is given to children with SEND, emotional or behavioural challenges, or those at risk of exclusion
- No child will be discriminated against based on disability, ethnicity, gender identity, religion, or socioeconomic status

## 4. Admission Criteria

The Daffodil Project supports children who:

- Are aged 5 to 18
- Require a therapeutic, outdoor, or animal-assisted environment
- May be referred via:
  - o Parents/carers
  - Schools (SENCOs, DSLs, behaviour teams)
  - Social workers or other professionals
  - Self-referrals in appropriate cases

#### Admission is subject to:

- Availability of places
- A basic suitability and risk assessment
- Completion of registration documents and consent forms

#### 5. Enquiry and Referral Process

- 1. **Initial enquiry** via phone, email, website, or referral form
- 2. Staff member provides an **information pack** and arranges a **site visit or informal meeting**
- 3. If interested, the family or referrer completes a Registration Form
- 4. The management team reviews suitability and offers a place if appropriate

### 6. Registration and Onboarding

Once a place is confirmed:

- The family or referring professional will complete all necessary paperwork
- Staff will gather key information on the child's:
  - Health, dietary, and medical needs
  - o Learning profile, triggers, and preferred strategies
  - Communication and sensory needs
  - Emergency contacts and legal guardianship
- Consent will be obtained for:
  - Medical treatment
  - Photography/media
  - o Behaviour and safeguarding agreements

A designated key staff member will be assigned to oversee the **child's transition and support plan**.

## 7. Information Collected at Registration

- Full name, date of birth, and address
- Parent/carer contact details and emergency contacts
- Medical information (including allergies, medications)
- SEN needs or EHCP details (if applicable)
- Social history or safeguarding context (if relevant)
- Consent forms (media, outings, behaviour support, medical treatment)
- Transport or access requirements

All information is stored **securely and confidentially**, in line with the **Data Protection & GDPR Policy**.

## 8. Confidentiality and Data Handling

- All registration information will be handled confidentially
- Access is restricted to staff on a need-to-know basis
- Information will be stored digitally or in locked cabinets
- CPOMS will be used to track safeguarding or behavioural records if applicable

#### 9. Induction and Transition Support

- Children will be offered a phased introduction where needed (e.g. shorter sessions at first)
- Parents/carers are encouraged to attend initial sessions to support transition
- Staff will explain routines, expectations, and available support clearly to the child
- An initial review meeting will be held within the first 4–6 weeks of starting

# 10. Monitoring & Review

- This procedure will be reviewed annually
- Feedback from families and referring professionals will inform improvements
- Admission patterns will be monitored to ensure ongoing equity and inclusion

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