Health and Safety Policy Statement

May 2023

The following is a statement of the Nursery‘s health and safety policy in accordance with Section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

It is the policy of **Steps Ahead Nursery Limited** to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all staff working for the Nursery and other persons who may be affected by our undertakings. As a business we acknowledge that the key to successful health and safety management requires an effective policy, organisation and arrangements, which reflect the commitment of senior management. To maintain that commitment, we will continually measure, monitor, improve and revise where necessary, our Health and Safety System.

The Director, Mrs J Collishaw, will implement the Nursery’s health and safety policy and our consultants ,Citation, will recommend any changes to meet new circumstances . The Nursery recognises that successful health and safety management contributes to successful business performance and will allocate adequate finances and resources to meet these needs.

The management of Steps Ahead Nursery Limited looks upon the promotion of health and safety measures as a mutual objective for themselves and staff. It is therefore, the policy of management to do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent personal injury and damage to property. Also, the Nursery aims to protect everyone, including visitors and members of the public, in so far as they come into contact with our activities, from any foreseeable hazard or danger.

All staff have duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and are informed of their personal responsibilities to take due care of the health and safety of themselves and to ensure that they do not endanger other persons by their acts or omissions. Staff are also informed that they must co-operate with the Nursery in order that it can comply with the legal requirements placed upon it and in the implementation of this policy. We are committed to continued consultation with the workforce to enable all viewpoints and recommendations to be discussed at regular intervals.

The Nursery will ensure a systematic approach to identifying hazards, assessing the risks, determining suitable and sufficient control measures and informing staff of the correct procedures needed to maintain a safe working environment. We will provide, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe places and systems of work, safe plant and machinery, safe handling of materials and substances, the provision of adequate safety equipment and ensure that appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision is given. We regard all health and safety legislation as the minimum standard and expect management to achieve their targets without compromising health and safety.

The full Health and Safety Policy is available in the nursery.