**Language Policy**

This policy is written for children who may use English as a second Language.

We have made a commitment to value the language and cultures of all children in our care.

We will endeavour to promote a positive attitude towards bilingualism and provide opportunities for the development of the child’s home language.

We understand that young bilingual learners need time to observe, tune into the new language and try out things that are unfamiliar to them. We also understand that children need to have books and stories that have some link with different cultures, clear illustrations, repeated actions and language patterns and offer visual support in the form of pictures, puppets and real objects.

We will try our utmost to ensure that activities are practical and we will remember that we may need to repeat key vocabulary and phrases.

We will work closely with the family to ensure the needs of their child are met. We will seek their support to obtain books and resources in their home language.