



Westfield Nursery School Act of Kindness Statement

Vision

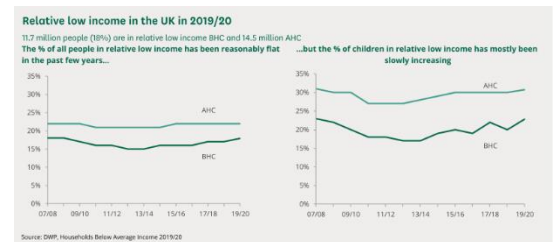
At Westfield Nursery we aim to deliver against our vision 'Inspired beginnings-outstanding futures'.

Rationale

We recognise the difficulties for some families.

In 2019-2020

- 3.2 million children were in relative low income before housing costs (23% of children), an increase from the year before.
- 4.3 million were in relative low income after housing costs (31%) about the same as the year before.
- The percentage of children in relatively low-income households has been slowly increasing (House of Commons Library)



Philosophy

At Westfield Nursery we want all children and families to have enough of the basic staples such as food and appropriate clothing.

Who can we help?

We also recognise circumstances vary but families needing support may include:

- Families entitled to 2-year-old or EYPP funding
- The working poor, who are on very low incomes and do not qualify for free school meals
- Those experiencing domestic abuse where the abuser keeps financial control
- Those with no recourse to public funds
- Families who have had a sudden bereavement
- Families experiencing housing issues

How can we help?

Nursery has recourse to support families who they are aware may need some essential extras, such as

- Basic food e.g. tins/ packets
- Toiletries e.g. soap/ toothpaste
- Clothing e.g. coat/ hat/ gloves

We can also signpost families for further support e.g. Dunstable Locality children's Centre.

What should you do?

Please ask you child's class leader or the Head teacher and we will arrange for items to be supplied to you. Please note we do not give money.

Conclusion

All families need support at times, whatever their circumstances. We want our children and their families to thrive and will do our best to support this.

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