

## Pre-Existing Injury Policy - Information for Parents

At Nära Nurseries your child's safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. We have a clear procedure for recording any injuries your child arrives with - this is called our Pre-Existing Injury Policy.

### Why we record pre-existing injuries

We are required by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and safeguarding guidance to keep a written record of any accidents or injuries children arrive with.

This helps us to:

- Make sure your child is well and has received any care they need.
- Keep children safe by noticing patterns or repeated injuries that might raise concern.
- Protect families and staff through clear, factual recording.
- Share information appropriately with other professionals when needed.

Sadly, national Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) have shown that sometimes early signs of harm were missed because minor injuries weren't recorded or discussed. By working together and keeping accurate records, we help prevent this.

### What we'll do

If your child arrives with a visible injury or you tell us about one:

- A team member will record the details with you, including how the injury happened and any treatment given.
- The injury will be logged securely on our system (Family) and a body map will show where it is.
- You'll be asked to read and sign the record the same day.
- The record will be reviewed by the Nursery Manager or Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

If your child already has a social worker or support from Children's Social Care, we are required to share details of the injury with them. We will always let you know when we need to do this.

How you can help

- Let us know straight away if your child has had any bumps, bruises, or accidents outside of nursery.
- Keep us updated about any medical advice or treatment your child receives.
- Ask us if you'd like to see how records are stored or to discuss our safeguarding policies.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping every child safe.

For any questions, please speak to the Nursery Manager or Designated Safeguarding Lead.