



Early Bloomers After School Club Complaints Policy

At Early Bloomers After School Club, we aim to work in partnership with parents to deliver high quality childcare service for everyone. If, for any reason, we fall short of this goal, we would like to be informed in order to amend our practices for the future. Our complaints policy is always displayed on the premises. A summary of complaints is available for parents on request.

The manager is usually responsible for dealing with complaints. If the complaint is about the manager, the registered person or other senior member of staff will investigate the matter. Any complaints received about staff members will be recorded on an **Incident log** and a **Complaints log** will be completed. Any complaints made will be dealt with in the following manner:

Stage one

Complaints about aspects of Club activity:

- The manager will discuss the matter informally with the parent or carer concerned and aim to reach a satisfactory resolution.

Complaints about an individual staff member:

- If appropriate, the parent will be encouraged to discuss the matter with the staff member concerned.
- If the parent feels that this is not appropriate, the matter will be discussed with the manager, who will then discuss the complaint with the staff member and try to reach a satisfactory resolution.

Stage two

If it is impossible to reach a satisfactory resolution to the complaint through informal discussion, the parent or carer should put their complaint in writing to the manager. The manager will:

- Acknowledge receipt of the letter within five (5) working days.
- Investigate the matter and notify the complainant of the outcome within 28 days.
- Send a full response in writing to all relevant parties, including details of any recommended changes to be made to the Club's practices or policies as a result of the complaint.
- Meet relevant parties to discuss the Club's response to the complaint, either together or on an individual basis.
- Records of all complaints are kept for at least three years and made available during Ofsted inspections or prospective parents, if requested. The name of the complainant is omitted for this purpose. This is in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If **child protection** issues are raised, the manager will refer the situation to the Club's Safeguarding Lead Practitioner, who will then contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and follow the procedures of the **Safeguarding Children Policy**. If a criminal act may have been committed, the manager will contact the police.

Making a complaint to Ofsted

Any parent or carer can submit a complaint to Ofsted about Early Bloomers After School Club at any time. Ofsted will consider and investigate all complaints. Ofsted's address is:

Ofsted, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD

Telephone: **0300 123 1231** or via email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

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Written in accordance with the

- *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (DfE, 2026): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Information and Records - Complaints.*
- Freedom of Information Act 2000