

Case Study – Every Child Matters Standards Award

Name of organisation: Acorns British Style Nursery/Baby Acorns

Type: Nursery

Local Authority: private

Date ECM Standards Award achieved: September 2011

<p>Relevant contextual information about the educational setting and ECM:</p>
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<p>Acorns has 2 private nurseries closely located to each other in Bucharest, Romania. We provide early years education and day care for children aged 1-6 years old; we follow EYFS, we have close links with the local community and parents.</p>

<p>The reasons why the ECM Standards were chosen:</p>
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<p>We chose ECM because we were looking for an award that would recognise how we work as a nursery and would be relevant to our needs</p>

<p>How the implementation of the ECM Standards were organised:</p>

<p>The audit was undertaken by the Management, the action plan and evidence files were organised in consultation with staff who have leadership responsibilities.</p>

<p>What worked well in engaging with the ECM Standards process:</p>
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<p>It was a good opportunity for us to get up to date with our policies and make sure all stakeholders were familiar with standard procedures. It was also good to recognise the many examples of good practice which we already had going on and to share these with all staff and celebrate.</p>
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<p>Examples of innovative ECM practice worth disseminating:</p>
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<p>The way in which we celebrate special events, multiculturalism, community projects which we are involved in – more details are on our site www.acorns.ro</p>
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<p>Impact on children/young people:</p>
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<p>ECM made us evaluate the way in which we seek children's opinions and record these</p>

<p>Impact on staff and other stakeholders:</p>

<p>Staff were happy that they were already doing most of what was necessary in order to achieve the standards. The way in which we invited parents to give feedback was very rewarding and motivating and parents themselves were very pleased to get confirmation through the ECM award that the nurseries provide excellent provision</p>

<p>Ongoing ECM developments resulting from engaging with the ECM Standards:</p>
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<p>We will continue to keep evidence of everything that we do; we launched a new initiative to work with parents as partners</p>
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