

Right of the Month

November to January's right of the month is:

Being Festive



Or

Not so Festive



Guidance for Staff

- The aim of the Right of the Month is to give staff a tool to reflect on children's experiences in the service.
- The above is an example only, if you feel that a child has access to this month's Right of the Month look back at other Right of the Months and see if they are more relevant to the child.
- The Right of the Month is purely an information source to raise awareness of the rights of the children in our care.
- Discuss any new activity that you feel may benefit a child with your PIC / Teacher / Principal before planning.
- If a staff member is aware that the example of the Right of the Month would cause a particular child distress, discuss with your PIC / Teacher / Principal prior to any intervention.

Some examples of supporting 'Being festive or Not so Festive'

- Child is given space and encouraged to join in with activities
- Don't force a child who clearly does not like a particular festive activity and do not assume that the child does not like all festive activities
- Be aware of how sensory aware our children can be when playing activities
- It is ok for a child not to be in the mood for Christmas cheer or just not interested – encourage other activities they enjoy

An example of reflecting on practice

- Staff planned a Christmas party for all the children; everyone was in good spirits but for one child. Christmas music was being played quite loud in the background. A staff member noticed that this child was very sensitive to sounds and turned the music down. This appeared to have a positive effect on the child's presentation.