



SIMOA

Family Information

Kindness Respect Determination



At Halbeath nursery children inspire learning through play and benefit from enjoying positive learning and play experiences.

Children's learning and development are supported through regular opportunities to be curious, creative and develop a sense of wonder about the world.

SIMOA the elephant is a safeguarding mascot and campaign introduced by the Care Inspectorate in Scotland. Designed for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings.

The program is to support staff and children to stay watchful and prevent children from any unsafe environments or be left unsupervised.

The SIMOA acronym stands for Safe, Inspect, Monitor, Observe, Act:

Safe: Be alert to all potential risks in the environment.

Inspect: Look around and ensure a child cannot leave an area unnoticed.

Monitor: Regularly check that all children are accounted for, especially outdoors or during outings.

Observe: Notice children's emotional security and feelings to understand their needs.

Act: Take immediate action to assess and keep children safe.



For parents and carers, SIMOA acts as a bridge between the nursery and home.

It helps facilitate conversations about safety so that children can learn to recognise risks and make safe choices in their everyday life.

At Halbeath nursery we support our children to risk assess their play through daily activities, engaging children in conversations about being safe, supporting children to make the safe choices, and allow children to be part of the risk assessment process.

For more information about SIMOA please speak to a member of staff or click on the link

