



Safeguarding children policy

My responsibility as a childminder is to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in my care in line with the procedures laid out by my local Safeguarding Children's Board.

(The Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for producing Safeguarding Children Procedures based on national guidelines set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (Dept of Education & Skills). It monitors the effectiveness of the Procedures systematically and amends them as it becomes necessary.)

I am aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse, physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect.

If I have reason to believe that any child in my care is being abused in any way I will report the matter to the child protection team of my local authority. Under these circumstances, I will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Ofsted, Social Services and the Police if requested.

If an allegation is made against me, I will report it to Ofsted and social services following the Safeguarding Children Board procedures in England. I will also contact PACY's safeguarding children service for advice and support.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please discuss them with me.

As a childminder, I ensure that parents take the above policy seriously, and ensure that parents are aware that I will follow this policy if I suspected their child was being abused. That way they would be aware that I take this seriously. In these circumstances, if I suspected anything, I would note any changes in the child's behaviour such as being aggressive when not normally, being extra quiet, not wanting to get undressed, or not wanting any help where normally they would be willing for me to help them, flinching if I was near them, unusual marks on their body, scruffy or dirty looking, not having clothes suitable for the weather conditions. I will also have the leaflet about safeguarding children on my notice board so that parent's can see this. I will make sure that I do not prompt the child and write down what the child had said to me if anything. The child's welfare must be a priority at all times..

If I am concerned about a child's welfare, I will contact the Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Ofsted Tel. 0300 123 4666 and the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY, for advice and support.

Child protection concerns that could identify a particular child are kept confidential and only shared with people who need to know this information.

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In all instances I will record:

- The child's full name and address
- The date and time of the records
- Factual details, for example bruising, what the child said, who was present.
- Details of any previous concerns
- Details of any explanation from the parents
- Any action taken such as speaking to parents.

It is not my responsibility to attempt to investigate the saturation myself.

Regulatory requirements

- The welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in England, the Childminding and Day Care regulations in Wales. These are legal requirements that I must and will follow.
- The local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) works closely with local Authorities who will contact relevant professionals and the child's parents after I have raised concern.

Contact details for regulatory bodies	
Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB Solihull)	http://socialsolihull.org.uk/lscb/ Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Board C/O Solihull MBC The Bluebell Centre West Mall Chelmsley Wood Solihull B37 5TN Tel: 0121 788 4325 Email: lscb@solihull.gov.uk
Oftsed	http://www.ofsted.gov.uk
NSPCC	http://www.nspcc.org.uk
The Child Abuse Investigation Unit	Tel: 0845 33 00 222

I will access Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) training wherever possible.

I will also have an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure.



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The use of mobile phones and cameras

Mobile phone technology has developed significantly to include internet access and wireless connections as well as camera, video and sound recording and sending and receiving messages. They are now an extremely effective method of communication, which can only be an advantage regarding Safeguarding children. However, I understand that there is a need to balance the advantages with the potential for misuse, and intend to protect the children in my care with the following procedures:

- I will ensure my mobile phone is fully charged and with me at all times in case of emergencies
- I have the facility to take photographs on both my mobile phone and camera and will seek your permission (below) to take any photographs of your child for their Learning Journal and Newsletter (newsletter is sent out to parents so please be mindful and not share these photos).
- I will not publish any photographs of your child on any social networking sites or share with any other person.
- If your child has a mobile phone or camera that they wish to bring into the setting please let me know, so that we can work together to ensure the safety of all children in attendance
- my mobile phone and PC are password protected where my photographs are kept

I have registered with the Information Commissioners Office as a data controller.

I have read and understand the above policy and give permission to the Childminder to take photos of my child to be used in learning journals and newsletter.

Name:

Signature:

Date:



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