

## **Health and Safety Policy**

The Health and Safety of your child is very important to us and we have, therefore, documented the following procedures that we have in place to support this.

All toys will be checked and cleaned regularly to ensure they are safe for your child to use. Any broken or hazardous toys will be removed immediately. Children will only be offered toys and resources that are suitable for their age/stage of development.

We do a quick risk assessment of each setting we attend before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for all children we care for.

After extensive research we have now decided against the use of plug socket covers.

All equipment will be checked and cleaned regularly. All equipment is fitted with the correct safety harnesses to prevent accidents, for example highchair and pushchairs.

We use safety equipment appropriate for the children in our care, ie: stair gates, cupboard locks etc. These are checked before and after every event to ensure they are safe to use again.

We will ensure the safety gate is shut at all times.

When providing food we ensure our kitchen is kept very clean and food provided is kept in adequate storage until needed, following hygiene guidelines on the storing of food, keeping the fridge at the correct temperature etc.

We will ensure that the children do not have access to any waste, the bins are emptied often throughout the day and any used nappies are double wrapped.

We do not permit smoking within our setting.

We follow strict hygiene guidelines to prevent contamination.

We have strict Child protection guidelines in place.

We have emergency contact details with us at all times should we need to contact parents.

Sleeping children will be regularly monitored.

We discourage the children from keeping 'secrets'.

We will restrain a child if they are putting themselves or others in danger, for example running into a road.

Please inform me immediately if you have discovered that your child has head lice as they will not be able to attend the setting to ensure other children do not catch them.

Sun Protection - I will do everything I can, working in partnership with you, to ensure that your child is protected from the sun's rays, we can not apply sun cream therefore we would need you to apply this before leaving your child in our care. To ensure we are protecting your child from the sun rays as much as possible it would be best if you could provide us with:

Sun hat (preferably a legionnaires hat to protect the neck). A thin top/cardigan/t-shirt with long sleeves.

We will ensure that your child wears the hat provided. We will also avoid spending prolonged periods of time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, and when out will try and protect your child by finding shady areas and using a sunshade on the pushchair. We will encourage your child to drink water regularly to prevent dehydration.

If you have any concerns regarding the health and safety of your child please discuss them with us.