

## Safeguarding Children

It is our responsibility as childcare professionals to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in our care in line with the procedures laid out by our 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.)

We have received training on Safeguarding Children (Child Protection) and are aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse, physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect.

If we have reason to believe that any child in our care is being abused in any way we will report the matter to the Duty Social Worker for Social Services, Child protection Team. Under these circumstances We will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Social Services and the Police if requested.

Please see my Allegations of Abuse Against a member of staff Policy regarding how we protect ourselves from allegations being made against us.

We will inform Social services of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person living, working, or looking after children at the premises (whether the allegations relate to harm or abuse committed on the premises or elsewhere). We will also notify Social services of the action taken in respect of the allegations.

These notifications will be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but at the latest within 14 days of the allegations being made.

Whilst your child is in our care we will utilise digital cameras and mobile technology which includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, tablet devices and other forms of electronic storage, these devices will be used to store digital photographs and other electronic data, whilst using these devices within and outside of our setting we will follow these guidelines:

We will seek your permission to allow a camera, mobile phone or other digital device to take and store photographs for record keeping or display purposes.

If using a camera, mobile phone or other digital device to take photographs of your child, the photographs will be uploaded to any Social media we have discussed and from time to time advertising purposes, the photographs will then be removed from the devices.

We will not distribute or publish any images of your child without your consent.

We will always ensure children are appropriately dressed.

We are registered with the Information Commissioners Office - the Data Protection Act.

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Social Care: 0151 9343555 Police Station: 101