## Fire Evacuation Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of children, staff, and visitors in the event of a fire emergency. This policy outlines the procedures for evacuating the premises and ensuring everyone's safety.

### Scope

This policy applies to all staff, children, and visitors in the childminding setting.

### Key Responsibilities

- The childminder is responsible for:

 - Ensuring that all staff and children are familiar with the fire evacuation procedure.

 - Conducting regular fire drills and training sessions.

 - Maintaining the fire alarm system and ensuring that it is functioning properly.

 - Ensuring that all fire exits are clear and accessible.

- Staff members are responsible for:

 - Ensuring that children are aware of the fire evacuation procedure.

 - Assisting children during fire drills and emergencies.

 - Reporting any issues or concerns with the fire alarm system or fire exits.

### Fire Evacuation Procedure

In the event of a fire, the following procedure will be followed:

1. \*Raise the alarm\*: In the event of a fire, the fire alarm will be activated.

2. \*Evacuate the premises\*: All staff and children will evacuate the premises immediately through the designated fire exits.

3. \*Assembly point\*: Everyone will assemble at the designated assembly point, which is either on the field via the back door or on the grassed area out the front door depending on where the fire is.

4. \*Roll call\*: A roll call will be conducted to ensure that everyone is accounted for.

5. \*Contact the emergency services\*: The emergency services will be contacted immediately.

### Fire Drills and Training

- Fire drills will be conducted regularly to ensure that everyone is familiar with the fire evacuation procedure.

- Staff will receive training on the fire evacuation procedure and the use of fire extinguishers.

- Children will receive regular training on the fire evacuation procedure.

### Fire Safety Equipment

- The childminding setting will ensure that all fire safety equipment, including fire alarms and fire extinguishers, is regularly maintained and inspected.

### EYFS Links

This policy supports the EYFS area of Health and Self-Care, specifically in:

- 3.44: "Managing risks and keeping safe"

- 3.45: "Understanding and following safety rules"

### Ofsted Requirements

This policy meets the Ofsted requirements for fire safety, including:

- Ensuring that all staff and children are familiar with the fire evacuation procedure.

- Conducting regular fire drills and training sessions.

- Maintaining the fire alarm system and ensuring that it is functioning properly.

### Review and Update

This policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that it remains effective and compliant with relevant regulations.

### Dissemination

This policy will be shared with all staff, parents, and relevant stakeholders.

By following this policy, we can ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in the childminding setting in the event of a fire emergency.