

Health and safety

The Health and Safety of your child is very important to me and I have, therefore, documented the following procedures that I 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

I do a quick risk assessment of my home every morning before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for minded children

All plug sockets not in use have 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.

Car seats are checked regularly to ensure they are correctly fitted. I will never use a second hand car seat, as I do not know its history.

My car is regularly serviced and MOT. I keep the safety locks on the back doors working. My car insurance is for Business use.

I use safety equipment appropriate for the children in my care, ie: stair gates, cupboard locks etc. These are checked regularly.

I will keep my front door locked with the keys on a hook up high to prevent the children opening the door to strangers.

I have procedures in place in the event of a fire (see separate policy).

I keep my kitchen very clean, following hygiene guidelines on the storing of food, keeping the fridge at the correct temperature etc.

I ensure that the children do not have access to any waste, the bins are emptied daily and any used nappies are double wrapped and placed in the outdoor rubbish bin.

Used Terry nappies when used in my setting are placed in a secure waste bin until collection day.

I do not permit smoking in my home (see separate policy).

I follow strict hygiene guidelines to prevent contamination (see separate policy).

I have strict Child protection guidelines in place (see separate policy).

I have emergency contact details with me at all times should I need to contact the parents.

I will work with you to teach the children about safety issues like crossing the road and stranger danger.

I will work with you to teach the children about making healthy food choices and physical exercise.

Sleeping children will be regularly monitored and I use a baby monitor as well.

I discourage the children from keeping 'secrets'.

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

Head Lice - No Child will be excluded from my care unless treatment is not sought to help rid the said child of head lice, or that the child in question becomes overly infested and extra treatment needs to be sought I ask that all children and parents are sensitive and understanding towards the child. It is not their fault they have head lice.

Please inform me immediately if you have discovered that your child has head lice.

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 and for this reason will need you to provide me with:

Sun Cream suitable for your child (high factor).

Sun hat (preferably a legionnaires hat to protect the neck).

A thin top/cardigan/t-shirt with long sleeves.

I will ensure that your child uses the sun cream that you have provided and wears the hat. I 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. I will encourage your child to drink water regularly to prevent dehydration.

I will require you to sign a form giving me permission to apply the sun cream that you have provided.

Swimming Pool - I have the following procedures in place:

I will follow the guidelines of the pool regarding the ratio of children to responsible adult.

I will be in the pool at all times with the children.

All non-swimmers must remain in the shallow end of the pool and wear armbands or a life vest.

Children will only be taken swimming once their parents have signed a swimming consent form.

Children will be closely supervised in the changing rooms.

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

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