

PRECIOUS LITTLE SOULS HOME NURSERY

Safeguarding & Allegations Policy

1st September 2026 *This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.*

Purpose

To protect every child from harm and ensure concerns, disclosures, or allegations are handled promptly, professionally, and in line with statutory EYFS 2026 requirements.

Policy Statement

Precious Little Souls Home Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. From **1 September 2026**, **tiney (my childminding agency) and Ofsted** must be notified of **any allegation or concern relating to harm** involving myself, household members, visitors, volunteers, or anyone working with children.

“Harm” includes:

- Physical harm
- Emotional harm
- Sexual harm
- Neglect
- Digital harm (unsafe content, grooming, exposure)

Key Procedures

- Any allegation or concern relating to harm is reported to:
 - **tiney**
 - **Ofsted**
 - **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)**
- Allegations are reported to **tiney and Ofsted** within 14 days, or immediately if urgent.
- All safeguarding concerns are recorded securely.
- Children are listened to, respected, and taken seriously.

- I follow statutory guidance for babies including safe sleep, safe feeding, supervision, and digital safety.

Household Members & Visitors

- All household members aged **16+** are declared to **tiney and Ofsted**.
- Any change in household circumstances (new partner, lodger, adult child returning home, overnight visitor) is reported immediately.
- Household members must disclose anything affecting their suitability, which will be reported to **tiney and Ofsted**.

DBS & Suitability

- Volunteers and assistants require **enhanced DBS checks** before starting.
- Assistants complete safeguarding, digital safety, safe sleep, and emergency training through **tiney or other approved providers**.

Training

- I complete safeguarding training through **tiney or another recognised early years training provider**.
- Training is refreshed annually to ensure my knowledge remains up-to-date with EYFS requirements.