



## **Safeguarding Policy**

As a childcare provider in a home based setting it is my responsibility to safeguard all children in my care. I believe that no child should be exposed to any harm or abuse and will promote the welfare of all children to keep them safe. Children will at all times be within my line of sight or in hearing distance.

This policy illustrates the procedures I have in place to protect the children in my care.

I have signed up with SSCP (Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership) to keep updated with latest policies, research, knowledge and best practices in child protection.

This policy follows the law and guidance that seeks to protect children, the following acts are.

- Children Act 1989
- Southwest child protection procedures
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Relevant government guidance on safeguarding children. 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2018.
- Keeping children safe in education 2020

Safeguarding action may be needed in protecting children (and parents) from

- Domestic Abuse / violence
  - Physical Abuse
  - Emotional/Psychological Abuse
  - Sexual Abuse
  - Neglect or acts of omission
  - Radicalisation
  - Fabricates or induced illness
  - Child Sexual Exploitation
  - disguised compliance
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- county lines
  - FGM (Female Genital mutilation)
  - Witchcraft
  - Self-neglect
  - Modern slavery

- Financial or material abuse
- Discriminatory abuse
- Organisational or institutional abuse

As a childcare provider i am required to keep a number of records including visitor book, accident and injury book, medicine book. This is for your child's safety as well as my own. It is important that parents work with me to ensure a consistent level of care for the child and notify me of any accident, injuries, illnesses or medicines administered or significant event that may effect the child.

If I have reason to believe a child may be a victim to any such abuse or harm I will notify PACEY or another appropriate local authority for support and advice.

Sign's I consider represent that a child may be at risk of harm are:

- Significant change in behaviour
- Unexpected bruising
- Injuries
- Any comments made to give me reason for concern
- Deterioration of wellbeing
- Signs of neglect, abuse

I have a strict code of confidentiality, Photographs will only be used with the parents written permission, see screen time procedure. All information regarding you child will be kept confidential. It will only be in the case that I suspect your child is at risk of harm may I share relevant information with PACEY or another official and relevant authority. Parents and visitors on entering the setting will be requested to turn off their phone and leave it in their bag in the hallway. Parents and visitors will not be permitted to use their phone, take pictures or use a recording device on the grounds of my setting, including in the front and back garden.

If a child discloses any information regarding abuse against themselves or another child, I will:

- Stay Calm
- Reassure the child
- I will not promise to keep it a secret
- I will not interrupt the child
- I will not make negative comments
- I will be sensitive
- I will listen Attentively
- I will not probe for more information
- I will seek advise from a local authority
- Make a record of the conversation( i will try to use the same words the child used)

All staff I employ to work alongside me in my childcare setting will be appropriately vetted, and hold relevant qualifications and obtain a DBS on the update service.

All adults whom live in my home or will be at my home on a regular basis (while cared for children are in attendance) will be required to hold a DBS on the update service.

## **Prevent Duty**

Prevent duty is in order to stop people from becoming drawn into or supporting terrorism.  
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- Democracy
- The rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

I follow the UK's counter terrorism strategy

- Prevent
- Pursue
- Protect
- Prepare

If I am concerned about a child in my care I reserve the right to contact the Department of Education Counter Extremism helpline for support

Tel:02073407264

### **Complaints and Allegations Procedure**

All complaints or allegations should be made in writing. These can be made directly to me or to the Local Authority Designated Officer.

If I receive any allegations regarding harm or abuse made against myself to a child I am required to notify my Local Authority Designated Officer, keep all up to date and relevant records and suspend my services until the allegations are resolved with my LADO.

If I receive any allegations regarding harm or abuse to a child made against a third party within my childcare setting i.e. an assistant or family member living in my home I am required to notify my Local Authority Designated Officer as well as the person the allegations are made against, keep all up to date and relevant records and remove the third party from my setting during the childcare times and if necessary employ a new assistant to temporarily take their place.