

Cold Ash Pre-school: Maintaining Children's Safety & Security on Premises Policy

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

Policy statement:

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

Procedures:

Children's personal safety:

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records via an enhanced disclosure with children's barred list check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessments to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

Security:

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults – staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- We only allow access to visitors with prior appointments.
- Our staff checks the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep front doors and gates locked/shut at all times. Back doors are kept locked/shut at all times where they may lead to a public or unsupervised area.

- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises.

Further information:

- Dynamic Risk Management (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2017)
- Cold Ash Pre-school First Aid Policy