

34. School Collection Policy

As part of our 'out of school' service we offer a school collection service. In order to keep children safe and secure during this transition we will abide by the following procedures:

- A full risk assessment has been carried out by a senior member of staff to assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and identify steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards (see below)
- The risk assessment is based on the usual route and an alternative route in case the usual route is inaccessible
- Written permission is always obtained from parents for the school collection and a registration form completed
- The school has a full list of children who are attending the out of school facility together with the staff from the nursery who will be collecting them
- All staff have photo identification to enable the school to release the children to the correct adults and schools are informed when a new adult is doing the school run
- The staff have a register which is completed on collection of the children and again once they have returned to the setting and on collection from the setting by parents
- Children are paired up to walk back to the setting as appropriate
- Head counts take place periodically during the walk back to the setting, as per the risk assessment
- We provide appropriate staffing levels for school pickups dependent on an assessment of the safety and the individual needs of the children. This is usually one staff member for up to 8 school aged children
- All staff will be easily recognisable by other members of the group and the schools; they will wear the nursery uniform and/or nursery coat as well as their lanyard
- At least one member of staff will hold a valid and current paediatric first aid certificate and this will be increased where risk assessment of any proposed activity deems it necessary
- A fully stocked first aid kit will always be taken along with any special medication or equipment required (e.g. insulin, inhaler)

- A fully charged nursery mobile phone will be taken as a means of emergency contact (*staff are regularly reminded to leave personal phones at the setting*)
- In the event of an accident, staff will assess the situation. In the event of a serious accident an ambulance will be called to the scene, and parents will be contacted. Where possible, one member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital, and the rest of the group will return to the nursery. The manager will be informed
- The safeguarding policy will be followed at all times including the procedure to follow in the case of a safeguarding disclosure during the journey to the setting.

Risk assessment

The full risk assessment will be available for parents to see before giving consent to school collection. This plan includes the following details:

- The name of the designated person in charge
- The estimated time of departure from the setting, arrival at the school at expected arrival back to the nursery
- The number of children, age range, ratio of staff to children, children's individual needs and the group size
- The equipment needed, i.e. first aid kit, mobile phone
- Staff emergency contact numbers
- Travel arrangements (including the route)
- Emergency procedures
- Weather conditions and any alternative arrangements needed, e.g. in snow, hot weather
- The name of the designated first aider and the first aid provision.

Lost children

In the event of a child being lost, the Lost Child procedure will be followed. Any incidents or accidents will be recorded in writing and Ofsted will be contacted and informed of any incidents.

If a child runs off or leaves the main group for any reason a staff member will only follow if the safety of the other children in the group is not compromised. For example, if only one adult is with the children, then the adult must stay with the group. If the staff are unable to follow or catch up with the child then the police will be called immediately, followed by the child's emergency contacts. The main nursery will be contacted following this and asked to assist where

possible. If a child runs off when they are still on school premises the school should be informed and asked to support.

The safety of all children is paramount at all times.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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