

Select Childcare

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Health and Safety of your child is very important to us and we have therefore documented the following procedures that we 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
- we do a quick risk assessment walk around of the house every morning before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for 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. we will never use a second hand car seat, that I do not know its history.
- Our vehicle is regularly serviced and MOT. We keep the safety locks on the back doors working. Our vehicle insurance is for business use.
- We use safety equipment appropriate for the children in our care, i.e. stair gates, cupboard locks These are checked regularly.
- We will keep the front door locked with the keys on a hook up high to prevent the children opening the door to strangers.
- We have procedures in place in the event of a fire (see separate policy)
- We keep the kitchen very clean, following hygiene guidelines on the storing of food, keeping the fridge at the correct temperature etc
- We 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.
- We do not permit smoking on the premises. (see separate policy)
- Children must stay with us when we are away from the home. Where appropriate younger children will be strapped in a pushchair and older children will either be on a harness or wrist strap, or holding onto my hand/pushchair.
- We will ensure that children are appropriately protected from the sun, using sun cream and clothing provided by parents.
- We have emergency contact details with us at all times should we need to contact the parents.
- We will work with you to teach the children about safety issues like crossing the road and stranger danger.
- Sleeping children will be regularly monitored and we use a baby monitor as needed.
- We will only restrain a child if they are putting themselves or others in danger, for example running into a road.

Childminder's signature: _____ Date: _____

Review date: _____