

Policy statement: Health and Safety

It is my policy to promote and ensure the good health and safety of children in my care in line with the requirements laid out in the EYFS Framework, and Health and Safety Executive.

Procedure (how I put the statement into practice)***Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment***

In order to ensure children's safety in my setting I have a range of safety equipment e.g. stair gates and cabinet wall fixings which are regularly checked to ensure they are in good repair.

My smoke alarms are tested regularly and fire drills are carried out and recorded. I have a fire blanket in my kitchen and children and parents are aware of my emergency evacuation procedure.

My premises are secure to ensure children's safety and prevent intruders and I have a procedure for checking the identity of visitors.

I will ensure that I take all reasonable steps to ensure any staff and children in my care are not exposed to risks and I will demonstrate how I manage risk.

My risk assessments will identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom these aspects will be checked and how I will remove or minimise the risk.

All equipment used in my childminding business is regularly checked for damage and wear and tear and replaced when necessary, for example high chairs, buggies, cots.

My car is regularly serviced has an up to date MOT and insured for business use.

All car seats are checked regularly and used correctly in accordance with seat belt regulations.

All gardening equipment is locked in the shed, and dangerous plants have been removed.

I hold a current paediatric first aid certificate.

Health

I hold a basic food hygiene certificate.

I encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing. We have liquid soap and the necessary equipment (small step) to assist the children to wash their hands upstairs. Each child will have their own towel for use for the day.

When providing meals and snacks children are encouraged to make healthy choices and the benefits of an active lifestyle are promoted, e.g. access to outdoor play daily. I am aware of the Chief Medical Office guidance to physical activity

Baby changing mats are cleaned after each use.

I have registered with my local environmental health department, and ensure correct storage, hygiene of food preparation areas and preparation of food.

My pets are kept away from food preparation areas and their food bowls are out of reach of children. All pets are regularly vaccinated and up to date with worming and flea treatment.

All areas accessible to children including toys and equipment are regularly cleaned and checked for damage.

This policy also links with my accident and emergency procedures, illness, risk assessment, no smoking and outings policy.

Childminder's name	
Childminder's signature	
Date	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

Date policy was written	
This policy is due for review on the following date	