

### Health and Safety Policy

#### Aim

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

#### Procedure

##### Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

In order to ensure children's safety in my setting we have a range of safety equipment e.g. stair gates, a fire guard, cooker guard, electric safety sockets, high chairs, car seats, walking harnesses and wrist straps which are regularly checked to ensure they are in good repair.

Our smoke alarms are tested regularly and fire drills are carried out and recorded. We have a fire blanket, fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide monitor in the kitchen (located near the doorway to the playroom). The children and parents are aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

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

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

- Our daily risk assessments checklist will identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a daily basis by both childminders.
- We have full written risk assessments to identify aspects of the setting environment or setting procedures that need to be checked regularly. These are reviewed annually by Lorna Ford. Any changes to procedures or adaptations to the environment are then acted upon. An overall offsite activities risk assessment has been written to cover regular planned activities such as visiting local parks, local walks or shopping. We will risk assess any new offsite activities such as organised play sessions or trips out, to remove or minimise identified risks.

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

Our car is regularly serviced, has an up to date MOT and insured for business use. Child locks on the rear car doors are in operation.

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

All gardening equipment is locked in the garage, and the garden has been checked by a gardener for any dangerous plants.

We hold a current paediatric first aid certificates.

### Health

Lorna Ford holds a basic food hygiene certificate

We encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing. We use liquid soap and the children are shown how to use a clean hand towel each time they wash their hands.

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, local walks, soft play activities and outings to play parks etc. We are aware of the Chief Medical Office guidance to physical activity available online at:

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-physical-activity-guidelines>**

As part of the Ofsted registration we are registered with the local environmental health department, and ensure correct storage, hygiene of food preparation areas and preparation of food.

Our pets are kept away from food preparation areas and their food bowls are out of reach of children. We have two cats at the setting and endeavour to keep them away from food preparation areas. If they come into contact with work surfaces these are cleaned with an antibacterial cleaner. The cats are up to date with worming and flea treatment

The children's cloakroom is cleaned daily and when required throughout the day. Baby changing mats are cleaned after each use.

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

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

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**This policy supports the following requirements and standards:**

### England

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements  
**Safety and Suitability of premises, environment and equipment. Risk Assessment**

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