

LITTLE FIRS DAY NURSERY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT

Parents and Carers rightly expect safeguards to be in place when entrusting their children into our care. Little Firs has a duty of care and a responsibility for their protection and well-being.

We follow the UN Convention on the rights of the child, 'Children have the right to give their opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously' (12). Children have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to stay well (24). Children's education should help them use and develop their talents and abilities. It should also help them to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people (29). Children have the right to play and rest and join in a wide range of activities (31).

Little Firs Nursery have a duty to report any suspicions of abuse to Children's Services whether this stems from allegations against staff, volunteers, carers/parents or the general public. The Children Act 1989 (Section 47(1)) places a duty on Dorset Children's Services to investigate such matters. Little Firs Day Nursery will follow the procedures set out in the Dorset Children's Services Documents and as such will seek advice on all steps taken. Staff will adhere to Dorset Local Area Designated Officer's guidelines.

Furthermore Little Firs are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, this duty is known as the Prevent Duty and the requirement to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.' In March 2015, new statutory duties were placed on education settings by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015) which means they must work to prevent children being drawn into extremism.

It is our policy and procedure that staff and volunteers ensure the safety and well being of all the children in their care. Risk Assessments are carried out weekly and a full risk assessment is completed termly and all policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated if policies and procedures change.

The setting has numerous policies and procedures for safeguarding children. These include Safeguarding, Prevent Duty, E-Safety, Safer Recruitment, Whistle Blowing, Code of Conduct, Staff Supervision, Health and Safety-including risk assessment, Health and illness, Administration of Medication,, First Aid, Uncollected and Lost Child, Daytime Sleep, Changing Nappies, Emergency and Fire. All clearly state that the protection of children is paramount to the setting.

The Named Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Wendy Parker (Manager)

In her absence:

The Deputy DSL: **Mrs Michele Lund** (Assistant Manager),

Mrs Janice Chegwiddden (SENCO & Deputy Manager)

The Committee Champion for Safeguarding is: Mrs Janice Chegwiddden

The E-Safety Champion is: Mrs Michele Lund

All these staff are level 3 Safeguarding Qualified

All other staff have attend Level 2

The Attendance Officer is: Mrs Wendy Parker

If the nursery is concerned about unauthorised absences and the welfare of the child they will contact Children Services following our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

The Health and Safety Officer is: Mrs Michele Lund,

who has qualifications in Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Food Hygiene.

The Committee Champion for Health & Safety is: **Mrs Patricia Goodrick**

The Fire Officers are: Mrs Wendy Parker, Mrs Michele Lund, and Mrs Janice Chegwiddden.

who have been trained as Fire-Wardens. The Fire Alarms and Equipment are checked weekly by Mrs Lund and Fire Drills are undertaken every term.

All staff are First Aid Trained. Named staff in each room monitor the first aid box and children's medication checking all medication is up to date and follows our policy and procedures. Also, they ensure that the accident and administration of medication forms are filled in correctly.

Preschool: **Miss Eleanor Clark**

Birth to Three: **Mrs Karen Sanders**

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