

The Den (Childcare)



Health & Safety Policy

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

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

In order to ensure children's safety in my setting I have a range of safety equipment e.g. fire guards, fire blankets, which are regularly checked to ensure they are in good repair.

My smoke alarms are tested monthly 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 I have had a secure entry system fitted to the house which provides a locked gate to primarily prevent unauthorised access to The Den.

I have a procedure for checking the identity of visitors. From the current Contract records I can cross reference anyone coming to collect a child with the authorised adult list.

If in an emergency a parent needs to authorise someone to pickup their child who is not on the list, they will have to provide me a picture of the person from their mobile phone with an attached text message to confirm they are happy to release the child into this persons care.

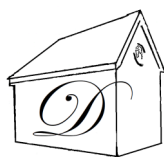
In these days of mobile phones, it is not unreasonable to ask a parent to have the adult send a picture of themselves to the parent, who can forward it to me with the attached authorisation.

If the parent is unable to use their own phone, permission to authorise a third party can

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be passed to any authorised person attached to that child. e.g. Grandma.

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, by providing reasonable risk assessments and safety conversations before using anything or going anywhere.

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. *[Add details here of how you risk assess, e.g. do you have a risk assessment policy, outings policy or written risk assessments].*

All equipment used in my childminding business is regularly checked for damage and

wear and tear and replaced when necessary, for example folding chairs, bean bags, small tables are subject to regular inspection and preventative maintenance processes.

The Den doesn't maintain or use a vehicle at this time.

[If The Den had a vehicle it would abide by the following checks :

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 behind gates that are out of bounds or in the shed, and all plants that are classified as



CHECKS

All checks scheduled and completed are kept in the

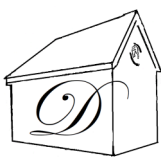
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Records can be accessed when required. This data is kept in compliance with my Data Protection Policy and is treated as Confidential.

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dangerous plants have been removed, or have been pointed out to each child as not to be touched.

I hold a current paediatric first aid certificate. Gained in Aug 2018 from Tiger Lilly Training

Health

I hold a basic food hygiene certificate from the Food Standards Agency gained in Oct 2018

I encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing. All children share a towel that is put out clean every day.

All washing for The Den is done in a separate load, to prevent cross contamination with the general Household.

Food

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 and promote active behaviour in every session.

I have registered with my local environmental health department, and ensure correct storage, hygiene of food preparation areas and preparation of food. [I maintain and follow the "safer food better business pack." to facilitate good practice around food hygiene.]

My pets are kept away from the children, and 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

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

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