

Safeguarding Policy

“Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility”

We all have a moral and legal duty to monitor and observe children’s safety and well being.

We intend to create an environment in which children are safe from abuse and in which any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to.

Child protection is specifically about protecting children and young people from suspected abuse and neglect. Safeguarding is much wider than child protection. It includes everything an organisation can do to keep children and young people safe, including minimising the risk of harm and accidents and taking action to tackle safety concerns. The following defines the Safeguarding and welfare of children :

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development
- Ensuring children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

In brief, we note that:

“Safeguarding is proactive in the broader context”

“Child protection is reactive, responding to issues”

We will **under no circumstances** condone any form of corporal punishment. Any staff member found to be punishing any child will be have disciplinary action taken against them.

Please refer to “Prevent Duty Guidance” by following the link
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

We also follow the Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership by following the link
<https://www.berkshirerwestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp>

We have a much more comprehensive Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in the Nursery Policies and Procedures document.

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