

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The welfare, protection and safety of every child in our care is a major priority and responsibility. We are committed to following the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board and North Yorkshire Local Authorities safeguarding procedures and guidance. Everyone working in our setting recognises their responsibilities towards the children in our care, and that they have a duty to report any concerns they might have about a child to the **Designated Lead Practitioner (DLP) – Lucy Thompson**, within the setting or directly to the Local Authority Designated Officer if they feel procedures haven't been followed. We have procedures in place to follow if we suspect abuse or neglect and we are able to put the procedures into practice. We will refer to the Social Care Department when appropriate, work with other agencies, attend and provide reports for child protection conferences and contribute where appropriate to any Child Protection Plan.

Child protection is provided by the Social Care Services, which supplies support for families whose children are in need of safeguarding to promote their welfare and upbringing.

If discussing an issue with a parent or carer could put a child in danger or to harm, the Social Care Services and the Police will be contacted immediately.

All staff must attend up-to-date training and should be aware of the possible indications of abuse or neglect and of the procedure for dealing with suspected cases.

This policy forms part of the nursery's Operational Plan and can be viewed by parents on request.

If you as a parent have cause for concern about any child's safety and welfare please speak to the DLP at the nursery or see contact numbers below.

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) – Rosemary Cannell 01609 534974 or mobile 07715540723 and Susan Crawford – 01609 532152 or mobile 07813 005161

Social Care Services – ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker – 0845 034 9417

Childcare Sufficiency Support Officer (CSSO) – Alana Miles on 01609 535200 or 07980 013 968