

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN - Information for Parents

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 Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – 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 Children and Families Service when appropriate, work with other agencies, for example Early Help, attend and provide reports for child protection conferences and contribute where appropriate to any Child Protection Plan.

Child protection is provided by the Children and Families Service, 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 Children and Families Service 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. A more detailed child protection policy can also be viewed, which details our safeguarding procedures and lists different types of abuse and children who may be vulnerable, including prevention from radicalization.

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

Children and Families Service – 01609 780780

Emergency Duty Team – ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker – 01609780780

Duty Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) 01609 533080