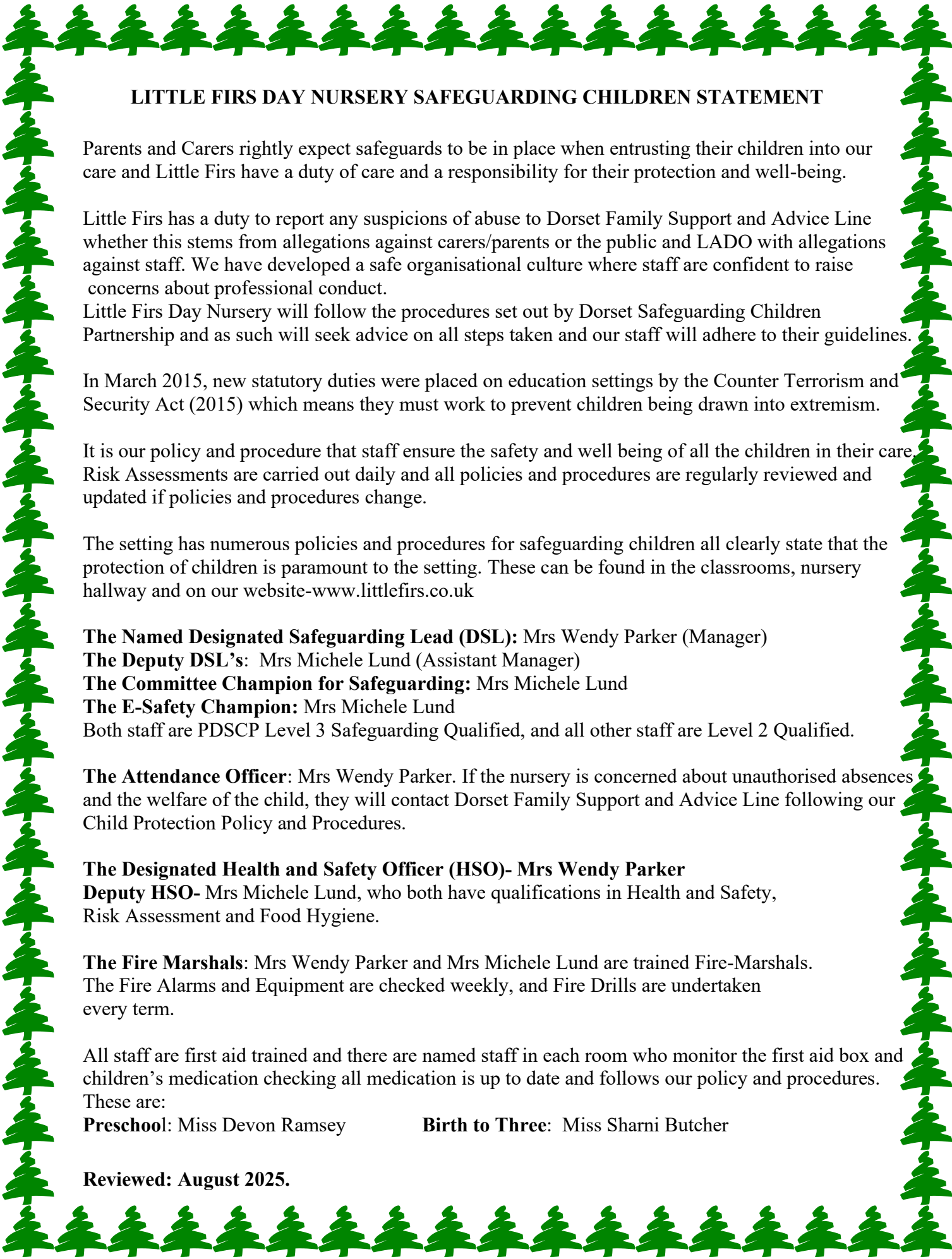




LITTLE FIRS DAY NURSERY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT

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

Little Firs has a duty to report any suspicions of abuse to Dorset Family Support and Advice Line whether this stems from allegations against carers/parents or the public and LADO with allegations against staff. We have developed a safe organisational culture where staff are confident to raise concerns about professional conduct.

Little Firs Day Nursery will follow the procedures set out by Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership and as such will seek advice on all steps taken and our staff will adhere to their guidelines.

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 ensure the safety and well being of all the children in their care. Risk Assessments are carried out daily 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 all clearly state that the protection of children is paramount to the setting. These can be found in the classrooms, nursery hallway and on our website-www.littlefirs.co.uk

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

The Deputy DSL's: Mrs Michele Lund (Assistant Manager)

The Committee Champion for Safeguarding: Mrs Michele Lund

The E-Safety Champion: Mrs Michele Lund

Both staff are PDSCP Level 3 Safeguarding Qualified, and all other staff are Level 2 Qualified.

The Attendance Officer: Mrs Wendy Parker. If the nursery is concerned about unauthorised absences and the welfare of the child, they will contact Dorset Family Support and Advice Line following our Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

The Designated Health and Safety Officer (HSO)- Mrs Wendy Parker

Deputy HSO- Mrs Michele Lund, who both have qualifications in Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Food Hygiene.

The Fire Marshals: Mrs Wendy Parker and Mrs Michele Lund are trained Fire-Marshals. The Fire Alarms and Equipment are checked weekly, and Fire Drills are undertaken every term.

All staff are first aid trained and there are named staff in each room who monitor the first aid box and children's medication checking all medication is up to date and follows our policy and procedures. These are:

Preschool: Miss Devon Ramsey

Birth to Three: Miss Sharni Butcher

Reviewed: August 2025.