



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 has a duty of care and a responsibility for their protection and well-being.

We have a duty to report any suspicions of abuse to Dorset chAD whether this stems from allegations against carers/parents or the general public and LADO with allegations against staff.

Little Firs Day Nursery will follow the procedures set out by Local Safeguarding Partners (LSP) 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) & Mrs Janice Chegwiddden (SENCO & Deputy Manager)

The Committee Champion for Safeguarding: Mrs Janice Chegwiddden

The E-Safety Champion: Mrs Michele Lund

All these staff are level 3 Safeguarding Qualified. All other staff have attended Level 2

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

The Health and Safety Officer: Mrs Michele Lund, who has qualifications in Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Food Hygiene.

The Fire Wardens: Mrs Wendy Parker, Mrs Michele Lund, and Mrs Janice Chegwiddden. who are trained Fire-Wardens. The Fire Alarms and Equipment are checked weekly by Mrs Lund and Fire Drills are undertaken every term.

All staff are first aid trained and we have been awarded 'Millie's Mark. Named staff in each room monitor the first aid box and children's medication checking all medication is up to date and follows our policy and procedures. Also, they ensure that the accident and administration of medication forms are filled in correctly.

Preschool: Miss Eleanor Clark

Birth to Three: Miss Sharni butcher

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