

**General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare**

Safeguarding children

1.9 Maintaining children’s safety and security on premises

**Policy statement**

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

**EYFS key themes and commitments**

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| <b>A Unique Child</b> | <b>Positive Relationships</b> | <b>Enabling Environments</b> | <b>Learning and Development</b> |
| 1.3 Keeping safe      | 2.2 Parents as partners       |                              |                                 |

**Procedures**

*Children's personal safety*

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records by an enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessment to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

*Security*

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults - staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.

- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.

**Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications**

- Risk Management in Early Years Nursery Schools (2007)