

**Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.**

## **8.2 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.

### **Procedures**

#### Children's personal safety

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records via an enhanced disclosure with children's barred list check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- 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 assessments 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.  
PARENTS/CARERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT-  
IF ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A CHILD WHILST INTOXICATED, OR APPEARING TO BE SO, OR DEEMED UNFIT FOR OTHER REASONS BY STAFF TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT CHILD, THE CHILD WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THEM, AND THE POLICE WILL BE CALLED.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- Our staff check the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep a safety chain on the main door. We have a door bell on the main door for visitors.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises.

This policy was adopted by

Whimble Preschool

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

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Role of signatory

Chairperson