



Registered Charity No. 1022409

# **1 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults' policy and procedures**

**Designated safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: Flora Lau**  
**Deputy DSL is: Caz Schmull**  
**Committee DSL is: Emily Carpenter**

## **1.11 Death of a child on-site**

### **Identifying**

- If it is suspected that a child has died in the preschool, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

### **Informing**

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead ensures emergency services have been contacted; ambulance and police.
- The parent/carers are contacted and asked to come to the preschool immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called; asking them to come straight to the preschool or hospital as appropriate.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead calls the committee DSL and informs them of what has happened.
- The trustees are contacted and Confidential safeguarding incident report form prepared by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and committee DSL.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parent/carers to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the committee DSL and the information given should be the same to each parent/carer.
- The decision on how long the preschool will remain closed will be based on police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

### **Responding**

- The trustees will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The trustees will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

### **Further guidance**

[Supporting Children's Experiences of Loss and Separation](#) (Alliance Publication)

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Signed by committee chairperson

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Signed by preschool manager

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