

WHITLEY LODGE UNDER FIVES

DOOR CONTROL PROCEDURES

Statement of Intent

It is our intention to ensure the security of all children during their time in Pre-school. We are aware that arrival and departure are times when children could be at risk.

Reference: Epidemic and Pandemic Policy (Covid-19), Safe Operating Procedures, Covid-19 Parental Agreement, Covid-19 Staff Agreement, Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Aim

Our Pre-school aims to ensure that by adhering to strict door control procedures the safety of the children is maintained at all times, particularly at vulnerable times like arrival and departure.

Method

Arrival

1. The inner door will remain closed until 9.00am or 12.35pm.
2. At 9.00am or 12.35pm a member of staff will open the inner door to allow entry of parents/carers and children. The outer door will then be closed and a member of staff will remain at the outer door until all the children have arrived and the majority of the parents have left, opening and closing the door as parents arrive and leave.
3. After the majority of the parents have left all locks are secured on the outer door. Late arrivals will have to ring Playgroup's number for entry. A member of staff will let them in and escort them out, locking the door on entry and exit of parents.
4. When all parents have left a member of staff completes the outdoor risk assessment and ensures gates are locked.
5. The register must be completed straight away and checked by another member of staff to avoid error. Total numbers of children and staff should be entered in the register. Parents should inform the member of staff who is completing the register of their child's arrival.
6. Staff will register in the staff wages/attendance book.
7. Parents/carers should inform the Leader who will be collecting their child if it is not themselves. This should be someone whose details have been given on the child's collection form. Ideally parents/carers should introduce this person to staff but if this is not possible information should be given to help staff establish this person's identity.

Outside area

1. One member of staff will complete the risk assessment on the outside play area, and ensure the selected play area is secure. (see point 4 above)
2. When using the far play area the children will line up inside holding the rope. Staff members will hold onto the front and back of the rope and the children are counted before leaving the building.
3. Any other members of staff will escort the line as it goes across to the play area.

4. The Leader will ensure that the “grab bag” containing keys, the register, the phone, mobile phone, tissues, visitors book, registration file and checklists is taken outside.
5. The person at the front of the rope will make a headcount as the children enter the play area.
6. The gate to the outside play area should be secured to ensure the children are safely contained.
7. When using the outside classroom staff are deployed to ensure ratios are maintained.

After Playtime

1. After being in the far play area the children line up and hold the rope with one member of staff at the front and back of the line. The person at the front of the rope will carry out a headcount.
2. The person at the front of the line should also count the children as they enter the building.
3. After using the outside classroom all children are counted back into the building.
4. After making a final check to ensure all the children have entered the building the person at the back of the line will enter Pre-school and close and lock the door behind them ensuring that the outside door alarm is on
5. A head count of children will be carried out as they assemble on the carpet for songs and stories.

The staff would be grateful if parents/carers arriving to collect children would not distract children as they return from the outside area.

Departure

1. The outer door will remain fully locked until the end of the session but discretion may be used in bad weather when the outer door may be unlocked to allow parents into the lobby. This should only be done when all children are seated on the carpet for story time and the inner door should be closed.
2. At the end of the session, 12.00noon or 3.05pm, one member of staff will remain with the children on the carpet to supervise them. One member of staff will open the outside door (or inner door in the case of bad weather) and allow the parents/carers to enter the main room. The Leader will call the children’s names as their parent/carer arrives and mark them off the register. (If only two members of staff are present the Leader will supervise the children, call the children’s names as their parent/carer arrives and mark them off register.) Staff will remain at their posts until all children are collected.
3. If someone unknown to the Pre-school staff comes to collect a child, the Leader will check that child’s collection form to see if that person is listed and ask a question to establish that person’s identity. If there is any doubt the Leader will ring the parent to confirm that collection by that person is approved.
4. The member of staff on the door will ensure that no child leaves unaccompanied.

Visitors

1. Visitors will be asked for identification.
2. All visitors will be required to sign in and out of the Visitor's book.

This procedure was read and understood by all staff.

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Staff meeting date.....2/9/21.....

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