



Safety on Outings policy

Policy Statement

To ensure the safety and welfare of all children on outings, I inform parents before taking children on any local outings by foot and I request written parental permission for any outings that require a car journey or use of public transport.

Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)

I ensure that I take with me everything I may need, including:

- Emergency contact details for the children
- Pram / stroller
- Hivis jackets
- Reins
- Comforters / dummies
- A first-aid-kit
- Nappies, changing bag and wipes
- Spare clothes
- Work mobile phone
- Water bottles and a healthy snack
- Suitable protection from the predicted weather, e.g. wellies, gloves, sun cream (Please also see my Sun Protection Policy.)

I always make sure that I have visited the destination of any outings before taking minded children with me and have considered any potential risks and how to minimise them.

I will endeavour to ensure that any outings fit in with the needs of the children and ensure that I have the necessary equipment and resources to keep them safe. These include car seats for all children up to 4 feet 5 inches tall, pushchairs and harnesses. For all trips in the car, I will ensure each child is securely strapped into their car seat and that the maximum number of passengers for the car is never exceeded.

More details about car safety and the use of public transport can be found in my Transporting Children Policy.

I will ensure that the ratio of adults to children on any outing will never be less than the statutory limit.



More details about how I ensure that children stay close to me while on outings, can be found in my Lost Child Policy. This also includes details of the procedures I would follow in the unlikely event that a child should go missing.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please discuss them with me.

Please ensure you have read and understand the Safety on Outings policy and procedure.

All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.

This policy and procedure has been development in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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