



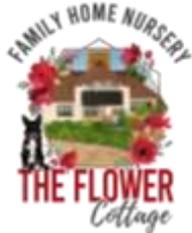
Health and Safety Policy

Policy Statement

The health and safety of your child is very important to The Flower Cottage and I have therefore documented the following procedures that I have in place to support this.

Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)

- My setting has a comprehensive first-aid kit and a portable kit which is taken on any off-site visits. I am fully trained in paediatric first aid and these qualifications will be renewed every three years.
- All toys will be checked and cleaned regularly to ensure they are safe for your child to use. Any broken or hazardous toys will be removed immediately. Children will only be offered toys and resources that are suitable for their age/stage of development.
- I conduct daily visual risk assessments of our setting before the children arrive and throughout the day to ensure that it is a safe environment for all.
- Socket covers are not used in the setting. Electrical sockets will be covered using furniture where possible and children will always be supervised.
- All equipment is fitted following the correct safety procedures. High chairs and pushchairs are all equipped with harnesses for safety.
- Car seats are checked regularly to ensure they are correctly fitted and are replaced should they show signs of damage.
- My car is regularly serviced and always has an up-to-date MOT. My car insurance includes business use (which includes childminding).
- I use safety equipment appropriate for the children in my care, such as stair gates, cupboard locks, etc. All potentially dangerous substances (e.g. cleaning products, medicines) will be stored out of reach of children or in a cupboard that is kept locked.
- My front door has appropriate measures in place to ensure children are unable to leave and others are unable to enter without permission.
- I have procedures in place in the event of a fire or another emergency and have regular evacuation practices. These take place alongside discussions about fire safety and what to do if we need to evacuate the setting.
- I keep my kitchen very clean, follow hygiene guidelines on the safe storage of food and keep the fridge and freezer at the correct temperature.
- I ensure that children do not have access to waste, the bins are emptied regularly and any used nappies are hygienically disposed of away from children.
- During operational hours, nobody on our premises will smoke, consume alcohol or take prohibited substances. Please see my No Smoking Policy and Alcohol, Medicines and Other Drugs Policy for more information.
- I have strict child protection and safeguarding measures in place. Please see my Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for further details. I will also follow safer recruitment guidelines and ensure that any assistants and



all people who live in my household have completed a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

- Children must stay with me when we are away from the setting. Younger children will be securely fastened into a pushchair and, depending on their age and maturity, other children may be on a harness or wrist strap, or holding onto my hand or pushchair. Please see my Safety on Outings Policy for more information.
- I have emergency contact details with me at all times should I need to contact the parents/carers of a child.
- I will work with you to teach the children about safety issues like crossing the road and stranger danger.
- I will work with you to teach the children about physical exercise, making healthy food choices and understanding oral hygiene. Please see our Healthy Eating Policy for more details.
- Sleeping children will be regularly monitored in person.

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

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

This policy and procedure has been developed 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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