

Select Child Care

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

My responsibility as a registered childminder is to ensure the safety and welfare of children in my care in line with the procedures laid out by the local Safeguarding Children Board.

I have received training on Safeguarding Children issues and am aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse - physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect.

If I have reason to believe that any child in my care needs protection in any way I will report the matter to Children and Young Peoples' Services (CYPS) Safeguarding Children Team.

Under these circumstances I will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Ofsted, CYPS and the Police if requested.

A copy of "What to do if you're worried a child is being abused" is available for you to read if required. This sets out the guidelines for how I must record any incidents and disclosures and the procedures I must follow. If a child confides in me I will:

Show that I have understood what they are saying and that I take their allegations seriously

Encourage the child to talk, without asking leading questions or interrupting when a child is recalling a significant event

Record everything they have told me (however this will be after the child has spoken but as soon as possible) Inform the child that I cannot promise not to share this information but that everything I do will be in the interest of their safety

Visitors to my home

Children are not left unsupervised with visitors

Please see my 'Allegations of Abuse Policy' regarding how I protect my family and myself from allegations being made against us.

If you have any concerns, I will be happy to meet and discuss them with you.

Childminder's signature: _____ Date: _____

Review date: _____