

Covid-19 addendum to Safeguarding Children Policy - May 2020



Staff supervisions - staff are regularly supported – well-being and safeguarding are the priorities.

Half termly supervision meetings for all staff and volunteers.

The Safeguarding Lead Practitioner (SLP), Paula Watts, is available and is advising staff effectively. The Deputy SLP is Kerry Duff.

Changes to safeguarding practice during Covid-19 - What are we doing differently during the pandemic?

The Preschool Manager is in daily contact with staff members to discuss any changes and a safeguarding refresher session is planned for when preschool reopens.

Weekly contact with each family is planned, risk assessed and maintained based on each individual family and changing needs (NCC advise minimum weekly contact with families).

The Preschool Manager contacts the families offering help and advice at least twice a week and is in regular contact with other agencies, including Social Workers and Health Visitors.

How do children and families with FSPs continue to receive identified support and services?

They receive regular phone calls from the Preschool Manager and other agencies involved.

How is new safeguarding info recorded during the pandemic and how is it shared with other SLPs?

Via email and telephone calls.

SLP has access to contact details for social workers and family practitioners for relevant children.

How is sensitive / personal information accessed and kept securely during different and changing working conditions?

All information is stored securely at preschool and the Preschool Manager can access this information if/when required.

Safeguarding information is recorded and shared appropriately, including telephone contacts, with key staff and other agencies.

Useful information is shared with ALL families about how to access help and support. This information is shared via email and telephone.

Staff have refreshed Code of Conduct and Safeguarding knowledge in light of changes to working practices.

All parents are informed about how and when they can contact preschool.

Safeguarding practice is checked to meet any individual insurance stipulations.