

Child Safeguarding Statement



Little Dolphins Nursery

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

We offer a warm environment for children aged 3 months to 5 years. We deliver a curriculum which meets the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework. We work hard to enable children to learn confidently and form good relationships. Indoor and outdoor spaces allow our children to explore and investigate safely, according to their individual needs.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

We recognise that safeguarding (SG) and child protection (CP) considerations are involved in all aspects of nursery life and this is reflected in our policies, procedures, practices and activities. We refer to the SG and welfare requirements outlined in the EYFS statutory framework.

We will: Remain alert to SG risks and ensure familiarity with our SG and CP policy, Take all concerns and/or allegations of abuse or risk to children seriously and respond swiftly in accordance with our policy. This includes taking the appropriate action following any allegations made against an adult working or volunteering with children. Sharing information appropriately. Attend SG training. Escalate matters of concern as required and be alert to our Whistleblowing policy. Ensure that all concerns and discussions about a child's welfare, the decisions made and the reasons for those decisions are recorded in writing. Fully cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to SG, CP and welfare matters. Adopt safe practices to minimize risk of harm or accidents to children and protect workers from taking unnecessary risks which may leave them open to accusations of abuse or neglect

Risk that children might face (1)

Risk of abuse or harm not being recognised by nursery staff

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Induction covers understanding of SG policy & procedures. Further training, including specialist Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training, accessed via Hackney Education / CHSCP.

Team meetings / supervision support discussions re children's development/wellbeing, including CP concerns. A deputy DSL covers when DSL is on leave / away from the office.

Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by nursery staff

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

All staff are trained to understand our safeguarding policy and procedures. Training made available includes identifying and responding to all concerns. Staff who do not follow procedures could face disciplinary action.

The DSL is responsible for liaising with the relevant authorities and record keeping.

Risk that children might face (3)

Risk of child being harmed in the nursery by a volunteer or a visitor to the nursery

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

We follow the CHSCP Minimum Standards for Safer Recruitment for both staff volunteers and students. Visitor Sign-in book & identity badges for all visitors. This is fully completed with clear names, hours onsite and reason for the visit. Only authorised parents / carers / family can collect children. Access and Egress Policy for parents and visitors.

Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of harm while a child is receiving intimate / medical care

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Regular review of intimate care/ medical care policies and all staff and volunteers are kept updated.

Medicines only administered with written permission; we keep a written record every time and inform parents/carers.

Staff receive training for intimate care routines and access specialist training where required e.g first aid, specialist medical support.

Risk that children might face (5)

Risk of photos or videos taken in the nursery being modified or misused out of context.

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

We have a policy covering mobile phone, camera and other electronic device use in the setting and a policy for phones / camera use for outings.

Acceptable use policy for staff to support educational content accessed online.

We have a no phone / smartwatch use policy for visitors/parents/carers whilst in the nursery.

Landlines are in the nursery office.

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

We have the following policies in the nursery:

Trips / Outings
Complaints Processes
Confidentiality
Disciplinary Processes
Whistleblowing Policy
Health and Safety
Injuries and Accidents
Personal / intimate care needs of children
Physical contact with children
Providing Medication
Record keeping and Retention
Safe Recruitment
Photography and Images
Social Media
Health and Safety
Lost Child
Uncollected Child

Procedures are available to the public here:

www.littledolphins.org.uk

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Please confirm



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