

## **Favours Day Nursery Ltd Policy and Procedure**

### **Arrivals and Departures**

At Favours Day Nursery we give a warm welcome and goodbye to every child and family on their arrival and departure, as well as ensuring the safety of children, parents, visitors, employees, volunteers and students.

Parents are requested to pass the care of their child to a senior member of staff who will ensure his/her safety. The staff member receiving the child into the room immediately records his/her arrival on the Dayshare register. The staff member also records any specific information provided by the parents on the message board, including observations from home.

If the parent requests the child is given medicine during the day the senior staff member must ensure that the Medication procedure is followed.

If the child is to be collected by someone who is not the parent or regular collector at the end of the session, there is an agreed procedure that must be followed to identify the designated person. Photo identification or a password are also required, for the designated adult. Parents are informed about these arrangements and reminded about them regularly. Other than the parents or legal guardian of the child, we do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to collect. If anyone under the age of 18 arrives to collect a child, the parent will be contacted.

The child's key person or other nominated staff member must plan the departure of the child. This should include opportunities to discuss the child's day with the parent in addition to what may already be shared via electronic systems e.g. meals, sleep time, activities, interests, progress and friendships. The parent should be told about any accidents or incidents and the appropriate records must be signed by the parent before departure. Where applicable, all medicines should be recovered from the medicine drawer or fridge after the parent has arrived and handed to them personally. The Medication policy is to be followed regarding parent signatures.

The nursery will not release a child to anyone other than the known parent unless an agreement has been made. In the case of any emergency such as a parent being delayed and arranging for a designated adult to collect a child, the parent should inform the designated adult of the agreed procedure and contact the nursery about the arrangements as soon as possible. If in any doubt the nursery will check the person's identity by ringing the child's parent or their emergency contact number (please refer to the Late collection and non-collection of children policy).

On departure, the staff member releasing the child must mark the attendance register immediately to show that the child has left the premises.

In the unlikely event that someone gains unauthorised access to the premises and if it feels safe to do so, a member of staff will ask the person the purpose of their visit. If needed our Lockdown procedure will be initiated by staff and the police will be called. In any cases where someone has gained unauthorised access to the premises, we will revisit our Arrivals and departures procedures and risk assessment.

#### **Adults arriving under the influence of alcohol or drugs**

If a parent arrives at nursery under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, the nursery manager and/or designated safeguarding lead will judge if the parent is suitable to care for the child. This may involve calling the second contact on the child's registration form to collect them. If a child is thought to be at risk the nursery will follow the Safeguarding children and child protection procedures, contacting MASH and / or the police. Staff will do their utmost to prevent a child from travelling in a vehicle driven by a parent suspected of being over the alcohol limit or under the influence of illegal drugs. If necessary, the police will be called.

**Arrivals and departures of visitors**

For arrivals and departures of visitors the nursery requires appropriate records to be completed on entry and exit e.g. in the visitors book.

**Staff, students and volunteers**

Staff, students and volunteers are responsible for ensuring they sign themselves in and out of the building, including on breaks and lunchtimes.

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