

# HARPOLE PRE-SCHOOL

"Kind Hands, Kind Hearts, Fun Learning"

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## 1.10 Death of a child Policy & Procedure

*Harpole Pre-school has adopted the Pre-school Learning Alliance (PLA) policy Death of a child. The PLA ensure that their policies adhere to statutory guidance and legislative procedure and they provide the pre-school with any updates. All policies and procedures are ratified by the Pre-school Trustees on a rolling programme. The pre-school staff, led by Sharon Matthews, ensure that their practice is in line with the policies and procedures outlined in the PLA guidance.*

### **Policy statement**

#### **Identifying**

- If it is suspected that a child has died in Harpole Pre-school, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

#### **Informing**

- The designated safeguarding lead ensures emergency services have been contacted, ambulance and police.
- The parents/carers are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called, asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The designated safeguarding lead calls the Manager and informs them of what has happened.
- The trustees are contacted and 'Confidential safeguarding incident report form' prepared by the designated safeguarding lead.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents/carers to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the Manager and the information given should be the same to each parent/carer.
- The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

#### **Responding**

- The trustees will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The trustees will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

## Further guidance

[Supporting Children's Experiences of Loss and Separation](#) (Alliance Publication)

<b>This policy was adopted by</b>	Harpole Pre-school	<i>(Name of provider)</i>
<b>On</b>		<i>(date)</i>
<b>Date to be reviewed</b>		<i>(date)</i>
<b>Signed on behalf of the provider</b>		
<b>Name of signatory</b>		
<b>Role of signatory</b>		