

Collection and Drop Offs

Arrivals and departures of children

It is the policy of the nursery to give a warm welcome to each child on their arrival.

Parents are requested to pass the care of their child to a specific member of staff who will ensure his/her safety (this is usually the child's key person).

The staff member receiving the child immediately signs the children in to Family and asks parents about whom is collecting and if sun cream has been applied.

If the parent requests the child to be given medicine during the day the staff member must ensure that the medication procedure is followed.

If the child is not to be collected by the parent at the end of the session, an agreed procedure must be followed to identify the nominated adult. Description of the person and a password are also required where possible for the nominated adult.

The planned departure of the child should be anticipated by the key person in the group. All medicines should be recovered from the medicine box/fridge only when the parent has arrived and should be handed to him/her personally. The medication policy is to be followed here with regards to receiving a parental signature.

No child should be handed over to anyone other than the known parent unless an agreement has been made. If in doubt check the person's identity by ringing the child's parent or their emergency contact number.

All adults collecting children must be over the age of 18 years, unless parents have given written permission for a 16 or 17 year old to collect.

On departure, the child register must be immediately marked to show that the child has left the premises.

Adults arriving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

The nursery's prime focus is the care and safety of the children it cares for. All procedures are written with this in mind.

If an adult arrives to collect a child, whether this is the parent/carer or another designated adult (see above procedure), and they are deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the senior member of management on duty will assess whether the child's safety and welfare may be impacted if released into this person's care.

The decision will be discussed with the adult and where required an additional named adult will be contacted to collect the child or this will be referred to the duty social care worker if this is not possible. During this time the child will be cared for by another member of staff so they are able to remain calm and engaged in play.

Where an adult is deemed unsuitable to drive due to suspected alcohol or drugs consumption, and may endanger themselves and others if they do, the nursery will intervene and endeavour to prevent this individual from getting back into the vehicle. The nursery reserves the right to also report such matters to the police and, in the case of any employees, reserves the right to take disciplinary action as may be appropriate.

Should a parent/carer not have the legally required car seat fitted to their car, nursery staff have the right to challenge them before they depart with children. Should parents/carers still leave the premises breaking the law, nursery staff must call the police, passing on the licence plate number and the likely destination or the home address of the parent/carer.