

West Green Playgroup



Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

Maintaining Children's Safety and Security on Premises

Policy statement

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

Procedures

Children's personal safety

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records via an enhanced disclosure with children's barred list check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are always supervised by adults.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessments to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

Security

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of staff, volunteers, and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.

- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- We only allow access to visitors with proof of identification.
- All staff check the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep front doors and gates locked always shut. Back doors are kept locked always shut where they may lead to a public or unsupervised area.
- We have an intercom and door release on the main entrance door. Only staff members may permit entrance to parents and visitors.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises.

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Managing Risk (2009)