

Child protection policy.

It is my aim to create an environment in which children feel safe from abuse and any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to. For me to achieve this I shall do the following:

- Attend training and awareness courses relating to child protection.
- Adults without a CRB will NEVER be left alone with the children.
- Children will be encouraged to develop self confidence and express their feelings in an acceptable way.
- I will respond appropriately to suspicions of abuse.
- Changes in children's behaviour/ appearance will be investigated. Parents will normally be the first port of call though suspicions will also be referred as I deem appropriate to social services.
- All suspicions and investigations will be kept confidential and only those who need to know will know.
- I will keep records of every time a child arrives at my home with a bruise/mark etc and I will ask the parent/guardians to sign a form to say how their child got the injury and that they know the child arrived at my home with that bruise.
- If a child has an accident while in my care I will record this in my accident book and ask the parent/guardian to sign to say that you have been informed of the injury and you will also get a copy for your records.
- If a child discloses any thing to me I will keep an open mind and let the child know I am here to support them. I will inform the appropriate authorities and write down the discloser within 24 hours.
- The care and safety of the children in my care is paramount, and I shall take every step I can to build a trusting relationship with all the families.