



## Safeguarding Children Policy

Our responsibility as childcare providers is to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in our care in line with the procedures laid out by the local Safeguarding Children's Board.

(The Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for producing Safeguarding Children Procedures based on national guidelines set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (Dept of Education & Skills). It monitors the effectiveness of the Procedures systematically and amends them as it becomes necessary.)

The Manager/ supervisor has received training on safeguarding children(child protection) and is aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse, physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect. Other staff members have also received training for child protection.

If we have reason to believe that any child in our care is being abused in any way we will report the matter to the Duty Social Worker for South Gloucestershire, Child protection Team. Under these circumstances we will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Ofsted, Social Services and the Police if requested.

A copy of "South Gloucestershire Protection Committee Child Protection Guidelines for childcarers" booklet is available for you to read if required. This sets out the guidelines for how we must record any incidents and disclosures and the procedures we must follow.

**IF A CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATION IS MADE AGAINST A MEMBER OF STAFF, THE CLUB WILL INFORM THE POLICE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND OFSTED AND THE MEMBER OF STAFF WILL BE SUSPENDED PENDING A FULL INVESTIGATION.**

The full procedures, the club will follow our fully explained in the above mentioned booklet.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please discuss them with the club manager.