

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT

### Statement of Intent

Little Owls Pre-School & Nursery has a duty to be aware that abuse does occur in our society. This policy lays out the procedures to be followed, if we have reason to believe that a child in our care is subject to any form of abuse or neglect.

Our primary responsibility is the welfare and well-being of each individual child in our care. As such we believe we have a duty to the children, parents/carers and staff to act quickly and responsibly in any concern that may come to our attention. It is the duty of any staff member to report any suspected abuse to the **Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO)**.

Our setting will work with children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children are paramount in our practice.

### Staffing, Volunteers & Committee:

- All staff working in the Pre-School is made aware of the need to protect children in our care and report any concerns to their Supervisor.
- All staff is aware of the need for confidentiality and importance of Safeguarding Children.
- Safeguarding training is provided for all staff and refreshers are taken every three years.
- Parents and volunteers will not be left alone with other people's children.
- Our named person who co-ordinates Safeguarding issues is : **Jazmine Walker**
- We abide by Ofsted requirements in respect of references and police checks for staff and volunteers, to ensure that no disqualified person or unfit person works in our Pre-School.
- We sensitively seek information from the parent and child if a child shows any noticeable signs of abuse.
- Suspicions of abuse and disclosures are discussed with the Supervisor and recorded appropriately on incident forms

- We have procedures for contacting the local authority on Safeguarding Issues.
- If a report is to be made to the authorities, we act within the Local Safeguarding Children guidance in deciding whether we must inform the child's parents at the time.
- Staffs are aware of the need to avoid putting themselves in situations that run the risk of provoking allegations against them.
- A daily nappy record sheet is used to record each child's toileting, with details of what day, time and who changed their nappy.
- In the event of an allegation against a member of staff then the Complaints Procedure would be carried out and followed up by the Supervisor to ensure speedy and appropriate action. Any referrals or action regarding a member of staff will be referred to the Local Office immediately.

We will notify Ofsted on any incident or accident and any changes in our arrangements, which affect the well-being of children.