



Safeguarding Policy for Little Dino Playgroup

Introduction

Little Dino Playground is committed to providing a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for all children. The safety and well-being of every child in our care is our highest priority. This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the responsibilities of staff, volunteers, parents, and carers.

Aims and Objectives

- To create a safe environment where children feel secure and valued.
- To promote the welfare and development of every child.
- To prevent harm and ensure prompt, effective responses if concerns arise.
- To comply with relevant legislation and best practice guidelines.

Legal Framework

This policy is based on the following legislation and guidance:

- The Children Act 1989 and 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2020)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023)
- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework

Roles and Responsibilities

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Rouma Begum responsible for managing safeguarding concerns, staff training, and liaising with external agencies.
- Staff and Volunteers: All staff and volunteers must understand and follow this policy, participate in safeguarding training, and report concerns promptly.
- Parents and Carers: Encouraged to share relevant information and work in partnership to safeguard children.
- Management: Ensure safeguarding policies are implemented, reviewed regularly, and staff are supported.

Safeguarding Procedures

1. Staff Training and Recruitment

- All staff and volunteers will undergo safeguarding training at induction and refresher courses annually.
- Recruitment procedures include DBS checks, references, and verifying qualifications.

2. Child Protection

- Staff will observe children for signs of abuse or neglect and respond appropriately.
- All concerns must be reported immediately to the DSL.
- Confidentiality will be maintained, sharing information only with relevant professionals.

3. Health and Safety

- Regular risk assessments will be conducted.
- Safe practices for play, outings, and handling equipment will be followed.
- First aid procedures are in place, and designated first aiders are trained.

4. Managing Incidents and Allegations

- Clear procedures are in place for managing accidents, incidents, or allegations against staff or children.
- Report to Senior DSL or Senior Staff
- Report to Mash/ Lado at Towerhamlets Safeguarding Team
- All allegations will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, following statutory guidance.

5. Online Safety

- Children will be supervised when using digital devices.
- Staff will ensure online activities are safe and appropriate.
- Parental guidance on online safety will be provided.

Whistleblowing

Staff and volunteers are encouraged to report concerns about any safeguarding issues or inappropriate behavior without fear of reprisal. The whistleblowing policy supports this process.

Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be reviewed annually or following any significant safeguarding concern.
- Feedback will be sought from staff, parents, and children as appropriate.

- Records of safeguarding training, concerns, and actions taken will be maintained securely.

Contact Details

- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Rouma Begum, 020 3051 6718

Local Authority Safeguarding Borough: Towerhamlets

- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Conclusion

Little Dino Playground is dedicated to safeguarding every child in our care. We strive to maintain a safe environment where children can learn, play, and develop confidently. All staff, parents, and volunteers share the responsibility to uphold these safeguarding standards.

Approved by: Rouma Begum Head

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