

Alcohol and other substances policy

It is our policy to keep children safe when they are in our care.

In order to do this we will ensure that neither of us, nor anyone else who has contact with the children whilst at our setting, is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which may affect our ability to care for children.

We will ensure that anyone who has contact with the children in our care whilst at our setting who is taking medication which may affect their ability to care for children will seek medical advice and only work directly with children if it is confirmed that their ability to look after the children will not be impaired.

Children

Drugs and alcohol are now more readily available to younger children. If we have any concerns that your child may be drinking alcohol, taking drugs or smoking we will discuss the matter with you immediately.

We will then work with you to support your child, however we reserve the right to terminate our contract with immediate effect if we are concerned that your child's behaviour due to drugs/alcohol may be putting the other minded children at risk.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parents / carers

As part of our duty of care, we are unable to hand over a child if we have reasonable grounds to suspect that the adult collecting the child is under the influence of alcohol and / or drugs. In such circumstances, we would contact another named person on the child's contract form and arrange for them to pick up the child.