

Health and Safety Policy

As registered childminders and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Health and Safety Act 1974, we will take reasonable steps to ensure that all hazards to children are minimised. In addition, Rebecca holds a level 2 award in Health and Safety in the Workplace.

House / other indoor venues

- ❖ Su's home will provide clean and well-supervised learning and play areas, which will be fully cleaned (i.e. floors, work areas etc.) on a daily basis.
- ❖ Toys are inspected on each occasion they are used and put away - any that are damaged are either repaired or discarded.
- ❖ Toys are washed and disinfected frequently.
- ❖ Any bedding that is used is washed weekly or as needed.
- ❖ Equipment is inspected daily for wear and tear and is repaired/ thrown out if needed. These items are also disinfected weekly and cleaned with an antibacterial solution daily.
- ❖ Socket covers will be in use at all times and, where possible, all wires are tucked out of the reach of children.
- ❖ All children will be encouraged to wash their hands before meals and snacks and after using the toilet.
- ❖ Smoke alarms are checked on a regular basis and batteries are replaced when necessary.
- ❖ All harmful chemicals, medications, or dangerous items are kept behind locked doors.
- ❖ Emergency evacuation is practised regularly to familiarise children with the drill.
- ❖ Smoke alarms are fitted on every level. All smoke alarms are regularly serviced and cleaned. Batteries are changed every 6 months or as required.
- ❖ A carbon monoxide detector is fitted next to the boiler and is serviced and cleaned regularly.
- ❖ The boiler is inspected and serviced annually.
- ❖ We have the appropriate fire blanket installed in the kitchen.
- ❖ As registered childminders we must each have a valid paediatric first aid certificate. A first aid box is located in the utility room.
- ❖ Written risk assessments are available to view.

Garden / other outdoor venues

- ❖ Any gardening or similar equipment will be safely locked in a shed out of reach of children.
- ❖ Outdoor toys are checked for safety, on each occasion that they are used, and repairs will be made if necessary.
- ❖ All outdoor toys will be cleaned on a regular basis.
- ❖ Gates and fences will be frequently checked for damage. Gates will be closed and secured while children are in the garden.
- ❖ Written risk assessments are available to view.

Note

We will identify any obvious dangers and / or potential problems to the children and will do our utmost to minimise them. We will support children in managing their own risks; if children are not allowed to take risks, they cannot learn how to manage them.