



06 Openwoodgate Preschool Child Protection and Safeguarding

Our Policy: Openwoodgate Pre-school fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection and Safeguarding. This Policy sets out how the setting will deliver these responsibilities. This is an overarching policy.

- Child as written in this policy is a child between the ages of 2-4 years.
- Child as written in this policy attends this setting.
- Staff as written in this policy means, all staff, trustees, students, volunteers, and visitors.
- Senior leadership as written in this policy means trustees and managers.

We ensure that our safeguarding practice is in line with statutory requirements and best practice including:

- All early years' providers in England must follow the Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk); This Statutory guidance lays out all aspects of Safeguarding for Early Years
- All early years' providers must have regard to the government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2018 which is statutory guidance to be read and followed by all those providing services for children and families, including those in education.
- All early years' providers must have regard to the government's statutory guidance 'Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales' updated 1 April 2021
- This policy complies with Ofsted - Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills setting (2019) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills> All Early Years providers have a statutory duty to tell Ofsted about any allegations of serious harm or abuse anywhere by any person at the premises who is:
 - living there
 - working there
 - looking after children there

You will fulfil your legal requirements if you report this to Ofsted within 14 days.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-serious-childcare-incident>

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This policy should be read in conjunction with: “Keeping Children Safe in Education” 1st Sept 2021 which is the statutory guidance for Schools and Colleges. “What to do if worried a child is being abused” (March 2015) 4/10/2021 4 Controlled upon completion Model CP and Safeguarding Policy for Group care Ofsted Registered settings and Ofsted Registered childminders working with assistants V1 2021/22 “Information Sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers (July 2018)

In accordance with the above procedures we carry out an annual audit of our Child Protection and Safeguarding provision. Multi-agency partnership Arrangements. Openwoodgate Pre-school will continue to work in partnership with and follow the procedures set out by Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (DDSCP) <https://www.ddscp.org.uk/> Through implementation of this policy we will ensure that our early years setting provides a safe environment for children (and vulnerable adults when in our setting) to learn and develop. We will cross reference to other policies relevant to our safeguarding in the early years setting and refer to them in this policy where relevant.

Our Principles Safeguarding arrangements at Openwoodgate Pre-school are underpinned by these key principles:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: all staff/anyone who has contact with a child or young person who should play their full part in keeping children (Includes vulnerable adults when in their setting) safe:
- We will aim to protect children using national, local, 5.. and early years and childcare setting child protection procedures
- We aim to work in partnership and have an important role in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements as set out by the latest Working Together guidance
- That all staff have a clear understanding regarding abuse and neglect in all forms; including how to identify, respond and report. This also includes knowledge of the process for allegations against professionals. Staff should feel confident that they can report all matters of Safeguarding in the early years setting where the information will be dealt with swiftly and securely, following the correct procedures with the safety and wellbeing of the children in mind at all times.
- We will aim to operate a child-centred approach: a clear understanding of the needs, wishes, views and voices of children and will actively seek out and promote this.

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