

Alcohol, Medicines and Other Drugs Policy

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

In order to do this, I will ensure that anyone who has contact with the children at the setting, is not under the influence of alcohol or any other drug which may affect their ability to care for children.

I will ensure that anyone who has contact with the children in my care whilst at the setting, seeks medical advice if they are taking any medication which could affect their ability to care for children. They will only work directly with the children if it is confirmed that their ability to look after the children will not be impaired.

I will ensure that alcohol and medicines are kept safely away from children. No illegal drugs will be allowed on the premises.

If a parent/carer arrives at my setting to collect a child and is clearly under the influence of alcohol or drugs, I will assess their ability to care for the child safely. If I feel it would be dangerous to release the child into their care, I will request to call another contact from the child's list of authorised adults to collect the child instead.

I am not legally allowed to stop a parent with parental responsibility from taking their child, but if I deem the child to be at risk (e.g. a parent driving under the influence, unable to cross roads safely, severely impaired judgement) and the parent does not allow me to call another responsible adult, I will inform the police immediately.