

Lost Child Policy

The care of your child is paramount and I will always ensure that they remain with me and are safe. When we go on outings or trips I will undertake a risk assessment to ensure their safety.

I will teach the children about safety when we are out and about and tell them what to do if they do become lost according to their age and stage of development. For example when we get to the park we will talk about where to go if they can't see me and think that they are lost. I will also teach the children about stranger danger and shouting NO if they feel threatened. Older children could use their mobile phone to summon help or phone me if they were lost or worried.

If a child goes missing I would following the below procedure:

- First, check our arranged meeting place
- Shout their name and do a quick search of the immediate area.
- Ensure that the other children in my care were together and with me.
- If the child cannot be found then I will tell the police, provide a description of the child and their clothing and search the area.
- Enlist the help of others around me to search the area providing a description of the child
- Alert the parents to the situation.

I take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:

- Ensuring the children hold my hand or the pushchair whilst we are out
- Avoid going to places that are overcrowded
- I teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers

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