

Denise Williams
Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy

Our responsibility as child care providers is to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in our care in line with the procedures laid out by the local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Members of staff have received training on Safeguarding Children(Child Protection) and we are aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse, physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect.

If we have reason to believe that a child in our care is being abused in any way I will telephone the Access Centre and report the matter to the Duty Social Worker for Worcester Social Services, Child Protection Team (See Yellow Book, p 7)Under these circumstances, I will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Ofsted, Social Services and the Police if requested.

A copy of "Worcestershire Area Child Protection Committee Child Protection Guidelines for Childminders" booklet (The Yellow Book) is available for you to read if required. This sets out guidelines for how I must record any incidents and disclosures and the procedures I must follow.

Please see our 'Allegations of Abuse Policy' regarding how we protect staff members from allegations being made against us.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please discuss them with me.

Date Reviewed:

Signed: