



Home-grown in Malvern **Lost Child Policy**

The safety of the children in our care is paramount, and we aim to be vigilant at all times to ensure no harm comes to them.

In the eventuality, however, that a child should become 'lost' whilst in our care the following procedure will be followed:

- The adult in charge will immediately raise the alarm and enlist the help of everyone present to look for them;
- If it is a secure area such as a shopping centre, the adult in charge will quickly alert the security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on any CCTV;
- The adult in charge will provide everyone involved in the search with a description of the child;
- We will reassure the other children with us, as they may be distressed;
- We will then alert the police and provide a full description;
- We will then alert the parents of the situation

We will inform Ofsted that a child has been lost in our care.

All adults at the setting take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:

- Ensuring that the children hold our hand or the pushchair whilst we are out;
- We avoid going to places that are overcrowded
- We teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers
- Where appropriate, we will ensure the children are wearing high visibility jackets to make sure they are visible to us and also other people within the area.

Signed:

Date Reviewed