

Lockdown Policy

Outline

The preschool recognises the potentially serious risks to children, staff and visitors in emergency or harmful situation. A lockdown may take place where there is a perceived risk of threat to the preschool, its staff, children, visitors or property.

Potential Situations

Where possible, the Pre-school will act to ensure the safety of all personnel in the setting in the following situations, however we recognise there may be other situations also, so these serve as examples:

- In the event that unauthorized person(s) considered dangerous, are on preschool or school grounds, or nearby.
- Instances including domestic breakdowns where estranged parties are attempting to abduct children.
- Instances where personnel, students, volunteers or staff from within the setting become a threat to the well-being of others.
- In emergency situations within the environment of the setting where there is potential risk from spills or poisonous fumes.

Lock down procedures will remain confidential to the setting for reasons of safety but shall be reviewed and practiced by staff at least once a term, and from time to time alongside children in a non-frightening manner, but to ensure that staff and children are familiar with them.

Further guidance

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/478003/NaCTSO_Guidance_Note_1_-_2015_-_Dynamic_Lockdown_v1_0.pdf

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Signed.....Chantelle West..... (Chair, on behalf of the Committee)

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