

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

Our commitment to the Protection of Children:

White Rock Pre-school is committed to working with children, parents and community to ensure the safety of children and to give them the very best start in life.

To this end we intend to create an environment in which children are safe from abuse and in which any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to. A Child Protection Policy is in place which details what steps the pre-school takes to achieve this aim.

Staff Responsibilities

The pre-school has a designated member of staff who co-ordinates child protection issues (Child Protection Liaison Officer): **Karen Hornabrook**. The responsibilities of the CPLO are:

- To deal with and record any allegations or concerns.
- To be the named contact for the local authorities and Ofsted.
- To ensure all parents, staff and students are aware of the procedures for child protection.
- To attend appropriate training courses.
- To share information from these courses with all staff through training sessions.

All staff and students are responsible for safeguarding the children in our care by:

- Following the guidelines for good practice as laid down in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- Being aware of the signs of possible abuse or neglect and by passing on any suspicions or concerns to the group's CPLO.

Steps to be taken when a concern is raised, including allegations against staff.

Staff will respond to suspicions of abuse in accordance with the guidelines laid down in Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

Additionally, in line with Children Act Regulations, the pre-school will notify Ofsted about any allegations of serious harm or abuse against a child whilst the child is in our care.

Keeping parents Informed

Parents of children starting pre-school are informed of our commitment to the welfare, safety and protection of the children in our care. Our Welcome Pack draws attention to our detailed Safeguarding and Child protection Policy which they are invited to inspect.

In accordance with Torbay Safeguarding Children Board guidelines, staff will notify parents when abuse is suspected at the same time the report is made, except where the guidance of the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board does not allow this.

Confidentiality

All suspicions are kept confidential and shared only with those who need to know. All information is shared under the guidance of the local Safeguarding Children Board and in accordance with Data Protection Act.

Any written records are kept in a confidential file in a secure, locked filing cabinet. They will not be released to unauthorised persons or to parents where they are under suspicion. Such records are monitored regularly by the CPLO, who will dispose of them when no longer relevant, provided this is deemed appropriate.

Contact telephone numbers (Sept 2019)

Early Help Team	01803 208525
Torbay Safeguarding Hub/MASH	01803 208100
Local Authority Designated officer	01803 20541
Ofsted	0300 123 1231