

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.**

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

### **Morning Star Day Nursery**

#### **8.2 Maintaining children's safety and security on premises**

##### **Policy statement**

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

##### **Procedures**

###### *Children's personal safety*

- [For employers: We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records via an enhanced disclosure with children's barred list check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.]
- [Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.]
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- [For groups: Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.]
- We carry out risk assessments to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

###### *Security*

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults – staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- We only allow access to visitors with prior appointments.
- Our staff check the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep front doors and gates locked shut at all times. Back doors are kept locked shut at all times where they may lead to a public or unsupervised area.
- We have installed entry phones and 'spy holes' in the main door at a suitable height.
- The personal possessions of [staff and] volunteers are securely stored during sessions.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises.

##### **Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications**

- Managing Risk (2009)