

Policies and Procedures: Safeguarding Children.

My responsibility as a childminder is to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in my care, in line with the procedures laid out by my local Safeguarding Children's Board.

I have received the online training on Safeguarding Children (Child Protection) and I am aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse – both physical, emotional, sexual and those of neglect. All staff working at Ellytotts are required to complete this training prior to commencing employment and it must be renewed every two years.

I operate a Safe Recruitment Policy for the recruitment of staff, which includes the requirement for all staff to sign up to the DBS Update Service.

If I have reason to believe that any child in my care is being abused in any way, I will report the matter to the duty social worker child protection team. Under these circumstances I may 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 'North Yorkshire Child Protection Guidelines for Childminders' booklet is available to view on request.

This policy should be read in association with the following other policies:

- The 'Allegations of Abuse' policy which details how I protect myself, my staff and my family from allegations being made against us.
- The 'Whistleblowing Policy' for information on how staff are able to raise any concerns they may have.

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