

# Safeguarding Children

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Incapacitated refers to a condition which renders a parent unable to take responsibility for their child; this could be at the time of collecting their child from the setting or on arrival. Concerns may include:

- appearing drunk
- appearing under the influence of drugs
- demonstrating angry and threatening behaviour to the child, members of staff or others
- appearing erratic or manic

### Informing

- If a member of staff is concerned that a parent is displaying any of the above characteristics, they inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or the deputy, as soon as possible.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead assesses the risk and decides if further intervention is required.
- If it is decided that no further action is required, a record of the incident is made on a Safeguarding incident reporting form.
- If intervention is required, the Designated Safeguarding Lead speaks to the parent in an appropriate, confidential manner.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead will, in agreement with the parent, use emergency contacts listed for the child to ask an alternative adult to collect the child.
- The emergency contact is informed of the situation by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and of the setting's requirement to inform social care of their contact details.

- The designated officer is informed of the situation as soon as possible and provides advice and assistance as appropriate.
- If there is no one suitable to collect the child social care are informed.
- If violence is threatened towards anybody, the police are called immediately.
- If the parent takes the child from the setting while incapacitated the police are called immediately and a referral is made to social care.

### **Recording**

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead completes the Safeguarding incident reporting form and if social care were contacted the Incidents/Concerns form is completed. If police were contacted the report should also be copied to the Committee Chairperson.
- Further updates/notes/conversations/ telephone calls are recorded.

### **Authorisation & Review**

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Wroughton Preschool

Held on

Date to be reviewed

Yearly at AGM

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Chairperson