



1.9 Lost and Missing Child

The care of your child is paramount and we will always try to ensure that they remain with us and are safe.

However sometimes children can become 'lost' in busy places and therefore as a responsible child practitioner, we have written a procedure that will be followed in the unlikely event of this happening.

- We will immediately raise the alarm to all around us that we have lost a child and enlist the help of everyone to look for them.
- If it is a secure area such as a public centre, we will quickly alert the security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on any CCTV.
- We will provide everyone involved in the search with a description of the child.
- We will reassure the other children with us, as they may be distressed.
- We will then alert the police and provide a full description.
- We will then alert the parents of the situation.

We take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:

- Ensuring the children hold our hands whilst we are out.
- Avoid going to places that are overcrowded.
- We teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers.

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