



Laugh and Learn Pre-school

Commitment to Safeguarding and Child Protection

Dear Parent/Carer

As the registered provider of childcare at Laugh and Learn Pre School we have a commitment to the safeguarding and protection of all children.

To do this, we have a responsibility to consider the wellbeing of all children who attend this setting. This means we are aware of the things we see and hear from children that might indicate the child is at risk of harm. In most situations any matter of concern that is identified will be discussed with you as the parent/carers of the child. We recognise these can be difficult conversations to have but we will raise matters with you as we know the wellbeing and safety of your child is important. In the best interests of your child, we would hope that we can have an open and honest conversation, should the situation arise.

In certain circumstances we will share these concerns in accordance with the Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures. This means we will contact the **Integrated Front Door (IFD formerly known as MASH)** in West Sussex. They will decide as to whether the concern warrants further assessment or investigation. IFD is the first point of contact with children's social services. The IFD telephone number is 01403 229900.

In very rare circumstances and where children are seen to be at risk of immediate harm, we may contact IFD without having spoken to you first and gained your agreement.

If your child were to move on to another setting or when they transition up to school if there have been any safeguarding concerns in their time with us or that we are aware of, we have a duty of care to pass this information on to the new setting.

We feel it is important that you are aware of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection, from the beginning of our working partnership and what this may mean in practice.

More detail of the safeguarding and child protection practices for Laugh and Learn Pre School is contained in our policy. A copy of this policy can be made available to you upon request.

Yours Sincerely

Sharon Bennett

Owner/Manager

Please advise if you have previously or have ever been involved with social care or Early Help for your child and sign to confirm you have read and understood the above.

Child's name _____

Previous involved with Social Care/Early Help: YES/NO (Please delete) Details: _____

Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____