

Safeguarding Policy 0-2 years Provision



1. Statement of Intent

At Childhaven Nursery we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, with particular regard to the vulnerability of babies and children aged 0-2 years.

We follow guidance from the [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#) and work in line with local safeguarding procedures.

We aim to:

- Provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment
- Ensure all children are protected from harm
- Promote strong, trusting relationships through the key person system
- Work in partnership with parents and professionals

2. Roles & Responsibilities

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is responsible for:

- Managing safeguarding concerns
- Liaising with external agencies
- Supporting staff knowledge and training
- Ensuring policies are up to date

All staff:

- Have a duty to safeguard children
- Must report concerns immediately
- Attend regular safeguarding training

3. Safeguarding Babies and Young Children (0-2 Years)

We recognise that babies are particularly vulnerable as they:

- Are non-verbal or have limited communication – we follow our Non-Mobile Baby Policy
- Are dependent on adults for care
- May not show obvious signs of abuse

Staff are trained to notice:

- Changes in behaviour, feeding or sleep
- Unexplained marks or bruising
- Withdrawal, distress or excessive crying

4. Key Person Approach

Each child is assigned a key person who:

- Builds a secure attachment
- Understands the child's routines and needs
- Acts as the main contact for parents

This supports emotional wellbeing and helps identify any safeguarding concerns early.

5. Safe Care Practices (0-2 Specific)

Feeding

- We follow the EYFS 2025 framework with the safeguarding and welfare requirements. Staff are present when children are eating. Information is gathered from parents and carers about special dietary requirements. Preferences, food allergies and intolerances.
- All staff are paediatric first aid and a nominated staff member is responsible for checking the safety of food and drinks offered to children. These measures aim to ensure that children's eating experiences are safe, and their dietary needs are met
- Bottles are prepared safely and never prepped. They are made when babies need them.
- Individual feeding routines are followed and are carefully considered on the child's developmental stage and not by age.

Nappy Changing & Intimate Care

- Children's dignity is respected at all times
- Changing areas are safe and hygienic
- Staff follow clear procedures and supervision guidance

Safer Sleep Requirements

We follow guidance from EYFS framework for safeguarding and The [Lullaby Trust](#):

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The **updated** wording, developed for children under two with input from the Lullaby Trust, medical experts and Ofsted, is as follows:

- Children are placed down on their back in their own separate sleep space on a firm flat surface such as a cot, bed or mattress on the floor. Babies aged one year and under must only be placed to sleep in a cot.
- Sleep spaces should only contain a firm, flat, waterproof mattress and lightweight bedding which is firmly tucked in around the child below their shoulders to prevent head covering. Alternatively, a well fitted baby sleep bag may be used. Check the

manufacturer recommendations before using a baby sleep bag.

Where blankets are used, the child is placed feet-to-foot at the bottom of the cot, with blankets tucked in.

- Cots must not contain extra items such as toys, pillows, extra blankets, bumpers, wedges or straps.
- Children should not get too hot or cold. The recommended room temperature for babies is 16 – 20°C.
- Children's heads are not covered.
- Children under six months of age must always have an adult with them in the same room for every sleep. All children must be frequently checked when sleeping.
- Children are always within sight and hearing of staff when sleeping

Supervision

- Children are supervised at all times
- Staff ratios meet EYFS requirements (1:3 for under 2s)
- Staff deployment ensures safety across the room

6. Recognising and Responding to Concerns

If a concern is identified

- It is recorded immediately
- Reported to the DSL without delay
- The DSL decides next steps

We will:

- Listen to children (through behaviour and cues)
- Not ask leading questions
- Keep accurate, confidential records

7. Allegations Against Staff

Any concerns about staff:

- Must be reported to the DSL or Phase Lead 0-2 provision immediately
- Will be referred to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
- Will be handled confidentially and professionally

8. Safer Recruitment

We ensure:

- All staff have enhanced DBS checks
- References are obtained

- Staff are suitable to work with children

9. Mobile Phones & Cameras

- Personal mobile phones are not used in care areas
- Nursery devices are used appropriately
- Photos are taken in line with parental consent

10. Collection of Children

- Children are only released to authorised adults by a member of staff from the under 2's team.
- Password systems are used
- Any concerns are reported immediately

11. Confidentiality

All safeguarding information is:

- Kept secure and confidential
- Shared only on a need-to-know basis
- Stored in line with GDPR

12. Working with Parents

We:

- Build open and honest relationships
- Share concerns where appropriate
- Always prioritise the child's safety

13. Training

All staff:

- Receive safeguarding training
- Understand signs of abuse in babies
- Know reporting procedures

14. Monitoring & Review

This policy is:

- Reviewed annually
- Updated in line with legislation
- Shared with staff and parents

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by Marianne Perry Phase lead 0-2 provision

This policy is due for review before April 2027



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