

Safeguarding Children

Unfit Parent

Policy statement

Should the manager or key person become concerned that due to illness, alcohol or drug use, a parent is unfit to collect the child, the setting puts into practice the agreed procedures below. These ensure the child is cared for safely, as staff regard the safety of the child as paramount. We will ensure that the child receives a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners	3.4 The wider context	

Procedures

- Staff will try to delay the parent and establish their current state, offering them a hot/cold drink and discover how they intend to travel home.
- The manager/key person will carefully suggest that either the parent or the manager/key person contacts another adult, family friend, partner or relative to assist them on their journey home.
- Once they have left the premises, the manager/key person will record this in the incident book.
- The directors and staff are aware that this is a very difficult situation to handle and that it requires sensitivity, however the child's safety is paramount. Staff must not put themselves in danger and should the parent/carer insist that they travel home alone then they must be

allowed to do so. The manager/key person should then either the local authority children's social services care team or the out of hours duty officer or contact the local Police Station:

- A full written report of the incident is recorded in the child's file.
- Ofsted may be informed:

0300 123 1231

(telephone number)

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