

Title: Allegations of Abuse Against the Setting Policy Policy

Category: In the Setting

Description: As a childcare setting we are more vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against us. Bella's Childcare will take precautions to protect the company and it's staff from this happening by:

Ensuring all staff members over 16 are DBS checked and cleared.

Ensuring all visitors to the premises sign the visitors book and do not have unsupervised access to the children under any circumstances.

Any regular visitors to Bella's Childcare will have a DBS check carried out

Bella's Childcare will not allow any visitors to take minded children to the toilet or change their nappies.

Bella's Childcare will request identification from all visitors not known to them and will refuse entry if unsure of them.

Bella's Childcare will endeavour, when possible, to arrange for any maintenance work to my property to be carried out at weekends and during non-minding hours.

Bella's Childcare will maintain a visitors book which is available for you to look at.

Bella's Childcare will ensure, where possible, that no workmen are in the premises during minded hours, unless it is to repair an emergency service or for Health and Safety Reasons.

Bella's Childcare will document every accident and incident that occurs whilst in their care, informing parents and requesting them to sign relevant records.

Bella's Childcare will note any marks on the children when they arrive and asking parents to inform me of any accidents that have occurred whilst outside it's care.

Ensuring the children are supervised at all times.

Bella's Childcare will record information regarding the child's daily care and teaching routine via the babys days account.

However, sometimes allegations are made and this unfortunate situation cannot be avoided. Bella's Childcare will then follow the procedure detailed below.

Bella's Childcare will follow the local safeguarding children's board procedure and inform LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) within one working day and Ofsted within 14 days, but as soon as possible following their advice as to whether to continue working.

Bella's Childcare will gain support and professional advice from the following organisations:

Bella's Childcare insurance company

PACEY Legal Advice Line

Family Solicitor

Ofsted

Local Early Childhood Services

Bella's Childcare will write a detailed record of all related incidents, including what was said and by whom, with times and dates.

Bella's Childcare will ask any witnesses (if there were any) to also write a statement detailing the incident they witnessed and giving their contact details in case it needs to be followed up by the authorities.