



Seagull Childcare

Shaldon, South Devon

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Health and Safety of your child is very important to me and I have therefore documented the following procedures that I have in place to support this.

- All toys will be checked and cleaned regularly to ensure they are safe for your child to use. Any broken or hazardous toys will be removed immediately. Children will only be offered toys and resources that are suitable for their age/stage of development
- I do a risk assessment of my home every morning before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment
- All plug sockets not in use have socket covers
- I use safety equipment appropriate for the children in my care, ie stair gates, cupboard locks etc. These are checked regularly
- Doors are locked with keys hung up out of reach, but in sight and easy to get to in case of emergency, to prevent the children opening the door to strangers.
- No person will be allowed onto the premises, while children are in my care, unless an appointment has been made and they produce identification.
- My premises have been inspected and improved by the fire service and I have procedures in place in the event of a fire
- I keep my kitchen very clean, following hygiene guidelines on the storing of food, keeping the fridge at the correct temperature etc
- I ensure that the children do not have access to any waste, the bins are emptied daily and any used nappies are double wrapped and placed in the outdoor rubbish bin.
- I do not permit smoking in my home
- I have strict Child protection guidelines in place
- Children must stay with me when we are away from the home. Younger child will be strapped in a pushchair, older children will either be on a harness or wrist strap, or holding onto my hand/pushchair.
- I have emergency contact details with me at all times, both inside and outside the house, should I need to contact the parents/carers
- I will work with you to teach the children about safety issues like crossing the road and stranger danger.
- I will work with you to teach the children about making healthy food choices and physical exercise.
- I will restrain a child if they are putting themselves or others in danger, for example running into a road.

Signed Dated