



## Seagull Childcare Shaldon, South Devon

### **SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

As a registered childminder, in order to provide top quality care, I will carry out up-to-date Safeguarding Awareness and Training and will have completed Safeguarding Level Two.

Neglect and abuse, whether physical, sexual or emotional, will not be accepted.

If a child is withdrawn, unhappy and complains of any concerns they will be recorded in a special record log for the parents, Social Services (Children and Young People's Service) and other necessary departments.

However, children can be withdrawn because of an event in their home life – the loss of pet or a member of the family or other similar events. This is why it is important to work in partnership with parents and that parents inform me if such incidents arise.

If a child is having difficulty in coming to terms with a loss I can advise the parents on how to find help for the child.

If however a child mentions anything and there is cause for concern:

1. I will listen to the child
2. Write and record it down in the log.
3. Have a confidential talk with the parent concerned and explain that contact will have to be made with the Devon County Council, for referral, and Threshold Consultation Services, for referral, to help both parent and child and, if necessary other relevant services such as the Devon Childminding Association.

If any of the following events take place on the premises, the above procedure will take place - the police will also be contacted.

Physical violence towards me

Threatening behaviour towards me/the child

Damage to the premises

Bullying/harming another child

Abusive language towards me and the children or anyone else on the premises including other parents and children.

Any such incidents will be recorded for the Social Services (Children and Young People's Service), Childminding Association and for the Public Liability Insurance Department.

Once again, no action will take place until I have informed the parents of what procedures will be necessary, in order to help not only to help the child but also the parents.