



Death of a child on-site

Identifying

- If it is suspected that a child has died in the setting, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Our nearest defibrillator is located at Welwyn Sports and Social Club, The Playing Fields, Ottway Walk, Welwyn AL6 9AT
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

Informing

- The DSL ensures emergency services have been contacted; ambulance and police.
- The parents are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called; asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The DSL calls the Chairperson of Trustees and informs them of what has happened.
- The Trustees are contacted and a Safeguarding incident report form is prepared by the DSL and Chairperson of Trustees.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the DSL and the information given should be the same to each parent.
- The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

Responding

- The Trustees will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The Trustees will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

This policy was adopted by Acorn Playgroup and Pre-school on 01 September 2023

