

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Safeguarding children is our priority at Roundabout.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework places legal requirements on settings in regards to Safeguarding under the Welfare Requirements.

The general welfare requirements are:

safeguarding and promoting children's welfare,
suitable people,
suitable premises, environment and equipment,
organisation and
documentation.

We follow the specific requirements included in these and have specific policies in order to fulfil our obligation to safeguard the children (and adults) in our care.

Definition:

Safeguarding is a relatively new term which is broader than child protection because it also includes prevention. On the Charity Commission website it has been defined as:

- All agencies working with children, young people and their families taking all reasonable measures to ensure that the risks of harm to children's welfare are minimised; and
- Where there are concerns about children and young people's welfare, all agencies taking appropriate actions to address those concerns, working to agreed local policies and procedures in full partnership with other local agencies. (**Safeguarding Children** (2005), The 2nd Joint Chief Inspectors Report on Arrangements to Safeguard Children. A broader definition can be found in **Working Together to Safeguard Children**)

(Charity Commission website)

The Government has defined the term 'safeguarding children' as:

'The process of protecting children from abuse or neglect, preventing impairment of their health and development, and ensuring they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care that enables children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.' (www.safeguardingchildren.org.uk)

This includes keeping children safe from abuse and neglect (child protection), from accidents (health and safety), and from crime and bullying

(as above, and in addition safer recruitment policies encompassed in staffing and recruitment policy and procedures, volunteer policy, data protection).
[This definition taken from the Young Person's Guide to Safeguarding, Review 2008]

Safeguarding therefore includes the following policies:

- Child protection
- Data Protection (draft)
- Health and Safety
- Staffing and Recruitment and recruitment procedures
- Volunteers
- Whistle blowing
- Elements of all policies relating to quality of care at Roundabout

Our policies are reviewed on a rolling basis and are being up-dated with regard to the EYFS.