



## **Lone Working Policy**

At Funtastic Kids Wrap Around Care, the safety and welfare of our staff and the children in our care is paramount. It is best practice for at least two members of staff to be on duty at any one time, but situations may arise where this is not possible. When it is necessary for only one member of staff to be on duty, we will follow the procedures set out in this policy.

### **Preparation and planning**

The Manager must approve all instances of lone working in advance and such instances will be recorded on the staff rota.

A full risk assessment for lone working will be carried out before lone working is approved.

Our insurers have confirmed that our club is covered in situations when only one member of staff is on duty.

There will always be another person on site who can be summoned in case of emergencies - specific risk assessments for each site list the specific contact details of those people.

During breakfast clubs and after school clubs, during an emergency, Funtastic Kids Club staff can summon a member of school staff to assist. However, if school staff are not present in the school, in addition, an 'on call' person whom the member of staff can summon in an emergency will be nominated for each session.

A lone working checklist will be completed and the on-call person will be recorded on the checklist.

### **Suitable staff**

Staff members who are suitable for lone working will be approved in advance. Staff members approved for lone working must have all the relevant qualifications, training and skills. For example:

- current 12 hour paediatric first aid certificate
- child protection training
- food handling and hygiene certificate
- competent use of English
- the necessary skills and experience to supervise the children alone [eg holds a relevant childcare or playwork qualification]
- does not have any medical condition that might affect their suitability to work alone.
- is familiar with the emergency evacuation procedure - and how this can be adapted to lone working situations.

### **Working practices**

When a member of staff is working alone, they must still keep all children "within sight or hearing at all times" as required by EYFS 2021. Therefore all essential resources must be readily to hand and not kept in a separate part of the building. For example:



- child records
- emergency contact details
- first aid kit
- club mobile phone
- any forms that may be required during a session, eg accident and incident logs, logging a concern form, collection by unknown person, visitor log, etc
- spills box / cleaning products / sick bowl

If intimate care is given, a record will be made using an **Incident log** and parents will be asked to sign this on collection of their child.

#### **Related policies**

See also: **Safeguarding policy, Emergency evacuation policy, Intimate care policy, Illness and accidents policy, Risk assessment policy.**

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017)*:  
*Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Child protection [3.5-3.6], Suitable people [3.19], Staff qualifications, training, support and skills [3.25-3.26], Staff:child ratios [3.28-3.29, 3.40], Food and drink [3.48], Accident or injury [3.50], Premises [3.55], Risk assessment [3.64]*