

Drugs and Alcohol Policy

Our setting has a policy that no alcohol is to be consumed on the premises.

- Staff are not permitted to consume alcohol during their contracted hours of work or to care for the children if they have consumed alcohol prior to commencing work.
- The same applies to all drugs other than those prescribed by a doctor and considered appropriate for intake while working with children.
- Staff will ensure that all drugs are stored correctly.
- Staff will promote positive role models in health and safety practices in relation to alcohol and drugs.
- Should a member of staff be found under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any illegal form before or during the opening hours, they will be immediately asked to leave the premises and told to return home. Thereafter the normal disciplinary procedures will begin.
- This will ensure that staff are able to always respond appropriately to children.

We also have a pre-school collection policy for a parent/carer under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The following guidelines will apply:

- We will manage the incident tactfully to ensure that the professional relationship with the family is maintained.
- If a senior staff member has any concerns regarding the child's welfare, we would endeavour to speak to the parent/carer about their child's needs.
- We will ensure that there are two staff present when speaking to a parent so that staff should not jeopardise their own safety or others in these situations.
- If the parent/carer arrives at the pre-school under the influence of alcohol or drugs, we will ask that someone comes with the parent/ carer to take responsibility of the child before a member of staff gives up his/her responsibility of the child.
- If no responsible adult comes with the parent, we will contact someone from the 'Who can collect' form, if this fails then we will contact the police.
- A full written report will be made of the incident.

Your child's safety is our main concern and as such this will determine the course of action taken.