

## LITTLE HEATH NURSERY PLAYGROUP

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## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**

**All children have the right to be protected from abuse and harm at all times and in all situations.**

Safeguarding is a relatively new term which is broader than the previously used term of 'child protection' as it also includes prevention.

This is our **statement of intent** that demonstrates our commitment to safeguard children in our care. The essential inclusions for a child protection policy and procedures are outlined below:

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children without exception have the right for protection from abuse regardless of their gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or beliefs.
- Children and Parents are informed of the policy and procedures as appropriate.
- All concerns, and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously by staff and volunteers and responded to appropriately - this may require a referral to children's services and in emergencies, the police;
- We are committed to safe recruitment, selection and vetting. (CRB checks, personal interviews, written and verbal references)
- We have and will always apply all associated policies and procedures, which promote children's safety and welfare e.g. with regards to their: health and safety, anti-bullying, protection of children online, and photography.

**In an emergency call 999. Where safeguarding need is unclear seek advice from Targeted Advice Service of Herts Safeguarding Children Board on 01438 737 511.**

