ST GILES & ST JOHN

PRESCHOOL

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**Arrivals and Departure Policy**

At **St Giles & St John Preschool** we give a warm welcome to every child and family on their arrival and departure, as well as ensuring the safety of children, parent/carers, visitors, employees, volunteers, and students.

Parents are requested to pass the care of their child to a specific member of staff who will ensure his/her safety (this is usually a child’s key person). The staff member receiving the child immediately informs the manager to records his/her arrival in the daily attendance register. The staff member also records any specific information provided by the parents, including the child’s interests, experiences, and observations from home.

If the parent requests the child is given medicine during the day the staff member must ensure that the medication procedure is followed.

If the child is to be collected by someone who is not the parent at the end of the session, there is an agreed procedure that must be followed to identify the designated person, a password is required for the designated adult. Parents are informed about these arrangements and reminded about them regularly. Other than the parent/s or legal guardian of the child, we do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to collect. If anyone under the age of 18 arrives to collect child, the parent/carer will be contacted.

The child’s key person or other nominated staff member must plan the departure of the child. This should include opportunities to discuss the child’s day with the parent, e.g. snacks, activities, interests, progress and friendships. The parent should be told about any accidents or incidents and the appropriate records must be signed by the parent before departure. Where applicable, all medicines should be recovered from the medicine box/fridge after the parent has arrived and handed to him/her personally. The medication policy is to be followed regarding parental signature.

The preschool will not release a child to anyone other than the known parent unless an agreement has been made at the time of arrival. In the case of any emergency such as a parent being delayed and arranging for a designated adult to collect a child, the parent should inform the designated person of the agreed procedure and contact the preschool about the arrangements as soon as possible. If in any doubt the preschool will check the person’s identity by ringing the child’s parent or their emergency contact number (please refer to the late collection policy).

On departure, the staff member releasing the child must mark the child register immediately marked to show that the child has left the premises.

Parents/carers will be informed and reminded not to allow any other person onto the premises when dropping-off or collecting, this is to ensure the safety at all times.

In the unlikely event that someone gains unauthorised access to the premises and if it feels safe to do so, a member of staff will ask the person what the purpose of their visit is. If needed our lockdown procedure will be initiated by staff and the police will be called. (Refer to lockdown procedure). In any cases where someone has gained unauthorised access to the premises, we will revisit our arrivals and departures procedures and risk assessment.

Adults arriving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Please refer to the alcohol and drugs policy.

Arrivals and departures of visitors

For arrivals and departures of visitors the preschool requires appropriate records to be completed on entry and exit e.g. in the visitors’ book.

**Staff, Students and Volunteers**

Staff, students, and volunteers are responsible for ensuring they sign themselves in and out of the building, including on breaks and lunchtimes.

This policy was adopted by St Giles & St John Preschool on: 1st April 2023

Reviiew date: 1st April 2024

Signed by:

Role of signatory: Manager