



## **Allsorts Childcare Safeguarding Children Statement**

Allsorts believes that it is unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognises its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all children in our care.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation, or identity have the right to equal protection from all types of harm and abuse.
- Working in partnership with children and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

Allsorts childcare follows the procedures set out by Local Safeguarding Partners and as such will seek advice on all steps taken and our staff will adhere to their guidelines. We must report any suspicion of abuse to Dorset CHAD whether this stems from allegations against carers/parents or the general public. Any allegations against staff must be reported to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO). The LADO at Dorset Council is Martha Sharp (01305 221122).

In March 2015, new statutory duties were placed on education settings by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015). The Act means we must work to prevent children being drawn into extremism. It is our responsibility to follow the policy and procedure and that staff ensure the safety and well-being of children in our care.

Risk Assessments are carried out on a daily basis and all policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated. The setting has numerous policies and procedures for safeguarding children and all clearly state that the protection of children is paramount to the setting. These can be found in all our rooms, on Family and on our website - [www.allsortschildcare.co.uk](http://www.allsortschildcare.co.uk).

The Named Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Donna Hounsell (Director).

Each of the four settings has a Manager and a Deputy DSL:

- Brackenbury - Kim Moore
- First Steps - Hazel Heybourne
- WOEC - Zoe Smith
- St Augustines - Bethany Hobby

The Committee Champion for Safeguarding is Kim Moore.

The E-Safety Champion for all settings is Donna Hounsell. All managerial staff, including the deputy managers, are level 3 Safeguarding qualified. All other staff have a Level 2 safeguarding qualification

The Attendance Officers are Donna Hounsell and Lucy Smale. If the nursery is concerned about unauthorised absences and the welfare of the child, they will contact Dorset CHAD following our Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

The Health and Safety Officers are Donna Hounsell and Lucy Smale

Checks on the fire alarms and equipment will be undertaken by our landlords regularly and fire drills are undertaken every half term.

All staff are first aid trained. Managers in each room monitor the first aid box and children's medication, checking all medication is up to date and follows our policy and procedures. Medication, accident and incident forms are monitored by the managers of each setting and the Childcare Director to ensure that the forms are filled in correctly.