

Alcohol and Drugs Policy

To ensure that we are alert to any dangers and able to protect your child, we must not be under the influence of alcohol or any form of drugs (including some prescription medication).

Any medications will be always kept high up in a cupboard well out of reach of the children.

We will not drink any alcohol during working hours or immediately before.

If you have been drinking, perhaps a work leaving do or Christmas party we would prefer if you arranged for another responsible adult to collect your child, especially if you plan to drive home. Please ring us in this situation providing us with and the person to collect with a suitable password for safety reasons.

We cannot allow a child to go into a car if the driver is under the influence of either drugs or alcohol. If this is found to be the case, we will make a judgement call at pick up time. We will invite you in and we can wait for a responsible adult to take the child home or drive your car (insurance allowing). We will be happy to try your child's emergency contacts in the first instance.

We have a legal right to withhold a child and due to this the above will be an appropriate course of action. Please understand the child's safety is paramount to us and we may seek advice on this situation should it be a regular matter or if we are at all worried.

Children

Drugs and alcohol are now more readily available to younger children. If we have any concerns that your child may be drinking alcohol, taking drugs, or smoking we will discuss the matter with you immediately.

We will then work with you to support your child.