

Lost Child Policy

The care of your child is of up most importance and I will always strive to ensure that they remain with me and are safe.

However sometimes children can become 'lost' in busy places and therefore as a responsible childminder I have written a procedure that will be followed in the unlikely event of this happening.

*I will immediately raise the alarm to all around me that I have lost a child and enlist the help of everyone to look for them.

*If it is a secure area such as a shopping centre, I will quickly alert the security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on any CCTV.

*I will provide everyone involved in the search with a description of the child.

*I will reassure the other children with me, as they may be distressed.

*I will then alert the police and provide a full description using a photo taken at the settling in session.

*I will then alert the parents of the situation.

I take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:

*Ensuring the children hold my hand / pushchair or wear a harness whilst we are out

*Avoid going to places that are overcrowded.

*I teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers.

*Teach what to do and where / who to go to if separated.

Childminder's signature: _____ Date: _____