

Late Collection of Children Policy



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The Federation has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children as per the Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance.

Late Collection of a Child

In the event of late or non-collection of a child by an authorised adult the main concern of the staff will be for the safety and welfare of the child. The school/nursery will put into practice agreed procedures to ensure that the child receives a high standard of care to cause as little distress as possible. An authorised adult will be a parent, friend or relative that has been appointed by the child's parent or guardian.

Requirements of Parents

- Parents of all children are asked to provide specific contact information for school/nursery records.
- It is important that if there are any changes, parents inform the school/nursery so that records can be updated, and the most current details are held.
- Information about any person who does not have legal access to the child must also be given.
- If parents are aware that they will not be at home or in their usual place of work, they should inform the school/nursery of how they can be contacted.
- If parents or the persons normally authorised to collect the child are not able to collect the child, they must provide the school/nursery with written details of the name, address and telephone number of the person who will be collecting their child.
- The school/nursery will agree with parents how to verify the identity of the person who is to collect their child.
- If parents cannot collect their child as planned, they must inform the school/nursery as soon as possible.

Procedure for Uncollected Children

The school/nursery expects children to be picked up promptly at the end of the school/nursery day, or at the end of any after school activities. If this does not occur, the school will:

- Assume an emergency has caused the delay and will instigate child protection procedures, unless parents make contact to let the school know they will be delayed.
- Children who **remain uncollected an hour after the end of the day** and the school/nursery has exhausted all efforts in contacting the parents/guardians and emergency contact numbers, the school is legally required to contact ***Family Connect***.
- Following this a call will be made to the **police** to help us to locate parents.
- Our policy and procedures for **Child Protection & Safeguarding** will be followed by a **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and the incident will be recorded.