

Parkside Playgroup

8. Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs Policy Statement

Procedures for parents/carers found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Should a parent /carer picking up children from the setting present themselves as being under the influence of alcohol or drugs the following procedures will be undertaken

- we will ask that someone comes with the parent/ carer to take responsibility of the child before a member of staff gives up his/her responsibility of the child.
- Should this not happen, although we have no legal right to withhold a child from a parent/ carer, we however reserve the right to contact any relevant authorities that we may feel appropriate i.e the police, partner, etc.

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of the children and as such this will determine the course of action taken

Procedures for staff found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Should a member of staff be found under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any illegal form before or during the playgroup session, they will be immediately asked to leave the playgroup premises and told to return home. Thereafter the normal disciplinary procedures will begin.

Practitioners taking medication, which they believe may affect their ability to care for children, should seek medical advice and only work directly with children if that advice is that the medication is unlikely to impair their ability to look after children

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Parkside Playgroup

Held on

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Date to be reviewed

Sept 2025

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Brenda Henrick

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

Chairperson