

Parkside Playgroup

27. Death of a child on-site

Identifying

If it is suspected that a child has died in Parkside Playgroup, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.

Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

Informing

The designated safeguarding lead ensures emergency services have been contacted including ambulance and police.

The parents/carers are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called, asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital, as appropriate.

The designated safeguarding lead calls the designated officer and informs them of what has happened.

The trustees are contacted and Confidential safeguarding incident report form prepared by the designated safeguarding lead.

A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents/carers to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the designated officer and the information given should be the same to each parent/carer.

The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on police advice.

Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person, and a RIDDOR report is made.

Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

Responding

The trustees will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.

The trustees will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Parkside Playgroup

Held on

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Date to be reviewed

Sept 2027

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Brenda Henrick

Role of signatory

Chairperson