

# Lost Child Policy

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The care of your child is paramount and I will always try 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 to follow 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 security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on CCTV.

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

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

I will alert the police and provide a full description. I will alert parents of the situation. I will inform Ofsted

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

- Children hold onto the pushchair or hand.
- Young children are on reigns or in pushchair
- Avoid overcrowded places
- On outings children have a wristband with my contact details
- Use landmarks for older children to stop at eg lamp post
- Tell children not to go out of eyesight eg around a corner
- Tell the children about the dangers of wandering off and talking to strangers.