Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

**Definitions**:

**Safeguarding** – primarily focuses on preventing harm to children and ensuring their overall well-being.

**Child Protection –** refers specifically to the policies and practices aimed at responding to abuse, neglect and exploitation of children.

I believe that the happiness, safety and welfare of every child regardless of gender, age, disability, ethnic background, culture or socio-economic background are important. Whilst your child is in my care, I will take all reasonable steps to protect them from harm.

I am the lead person responsible for safeguarding within Little Rosebuds. As a registered childminder, and in accordance with the guidelines laid down by *The Children’s Act (1989)* andthe *All Wales Child Protection Procedures*, I have a duty to report any suspicious incidents or accidents to the relevant authorities without delay. This includes notifying the Care Inspectorate Wales. The welfare of the child is of paramount importance.

It is everyone’s responsibility to keep children safe, including whistleblowing where necessary.

I have completed training on Child Protection and Safeguarding Levels 1, 2 and 3, and renew this training every 3 years along with doing at least 6 hours of CPD on Safeguarding topics a year. I am aware of the signs and symptoms of all types of abuse.

I have downloaded the Wales Safeguarding Procedures App to my mobile phone. This app ensures that everyone working with children follows the same safeguarding procedures across Wales. This ensures that practitioners across different sectors use the same terminology, providing better communication and teamwork and promoting positive outcomes for children at risk of abuse.

Any injuries that your child has upon arrival at my home must be logged in my ‘Accident/Incident & Medication Record Book’ under ‘existing injuries’. A brief explanation from you on how the injury occurred will be required, along with your signature.

Any accidents that occur whilst in my care will also be logged in the above book. An explanation of how it occurred will be included, along with a witness’s signature (if available) and my own signature. You will then be required to sign the entry on collection of your child the same day.

Any suspected incident of abuse, whether it is physical abuse, physical neglect, emotional or sexual abuse, which is brought to my attention will be recorded and, if needs be, passed to the relevant authority. How I record and report alleged abuse is laid out in my “Procedure for recording/reporting alleged abuse”.

If an allegation is made against either myself, my assistant, or any other member of my household, then CIW will be informed immediately, and I will then follow their instructions on how to proceed.

List of useful telephone numbers:-

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| Ceredigion Social Services Department (day time) | 01545 574000 |
| (out of hours) | 0300 456 3554 |
| Aberystwyth Police Station | 01267 222020 |
| NSPCC | 0808 800 5000 |
| ChildLine | 0800 1111 |
| Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) | 0300 7900 126 |
| PREVENT Line | 0800 011 3764 |

This policy was designed by Little Rosebuds with regard for;

the[Regulations and National Minimum Standards for Regulated Childcare for children up to the age of 12 years](https://careinspectorate.wales/regulations-and-national-minimum-standards-child-care-and-play), (NMS) including:

**NMS 20:** *Safeguarding*

**NMS 21:** *Notification of significant events*

Consideration has also been given to:

* **Wales Safeguarding Procedures**
* **The Child minding and Daycare (Wales) Regulations 2010**
	+ Regulation 20: Safeguarding and promotion of welfare,
	+ Regulation 22(1)(a) and (b) : Arrangements for the protection of children.
* Welsh Government’s statutory guidance on safeguarding children under the **Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014**
* **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** (UNCRC): Article 19 states that children have the right to be protected from violence, abuse, and neglect.
* **The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020** The purpose of the legislation is to help protect children’s rights; it builds on the Welsh Government’s commitment to children’s rights under the UNCRC. Under the law, parents and other adults acting in a parental capacity will no longer be allowed to physically punish children in Wales.

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