

**NETHER GREEN JUNIOR
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Safeguarding Children
Uncollected child - ASC

Policy statement

In the event a child is not collected by an authorised adult at the end of a session/day, the setting puts into practice agreed procedures. These ensure the child is cared for safely by an experienced and qualified practitioner who is known to the child. We will ensure that the child receives a high standard of care to avoid as much distress as possible.

We inform parents/carers of our procedures so that, if they are unavoidably delayed, they will be reassured that their children will be properly cared for.

Procedures

- Parents of children starting at the setting are asked to provide the following specific information which is recorded on our Registration Form:
 1. Home address and telephone number - if the parents do not have a telephone, an alternative number must be given, perhaps a neighbour or close relative.
 2. Place of work, address and telephone number (if applicable).
 3. Mobile telephone number (if applicable).
 4. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of adults who are authorised by the parents to collect their child from the setting, for example a childminder, sibling, or grandparent. May be asked for a password on first few collections until staff are familiar with that person.
 5. Who has parental responsibility for the child.NGJASC encourages all parents to have to emergency contacts so they can be used in this case.
- To let us know about any person who does not have legal access to the child but may try to gain access to the child.
 - On occasions when parents are aware that they will not be at home or in their usual place of work, they inform us in writing of how they can be contacted.
 - On occasions when parents or the persons normally authorised to collect the child are not able to collect the child, they provide us with written details of the name, address and telephone number of the person who will be collecting their child. We agree with parents how to verify the identity of the person who is to collect their child, we usually request a password or photo ID.
 - Parents are informed that if they are not able to collect the child as planned, they must inform us so that we can begin to take back-up measures. We provide parents with our contact telephone number.
 - We inform parents that we apply our child protection procedures as set out in our child protection policy below, in the event that their children are not collected from setting by an authorised adult within one hour after the setting has closed and the staff can no longer supervise the child on our premises.
 - If a child is not collected at the end of the session/day, we follow the following procedures:
 1. The child's file is checked for any information about changes to the normal collection routines.
 2. If no information is available, parents/carers are contacted at home or at work. If this is unsuccessful, the adults who are authorised by the parents to collect their child from the setting - and whose telephone numbers are recorded on the Registration Form - are contacted.
 3. All reasonable attempts are made to contact the parents or nominated carers.

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4. If the parents and carers are not available, the child does not leave the premises with anyone other than those named on the Registration Form or in their file.
 5. If no-one collects the child after one hour and there is no-one who can be contacted to collect the child, we apply the procedures for uncollected children.
 6. We contact police or our local authority children's social services care team:
 7. Ring Sheffield Safeguarding Hub (0114) 273 4855
(Emergency Duty Service)
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8. The child stays at the setting in the care of two fully-vetted workers until the child is safely collected either by the parents or by a social care worker.
9. Social Care will aim to find the parent or relative, if they are unable to do so, the child will become looked after by the local authority.
10. Under no circumstances do staff go to look for the parent, nor do they take the child home with them.
11. A full written report of the incident is recorded in the child's file and tracked in the Safeguarding file.
12. Depending on circumstances, we reserve the right to charge parents for the additional hours worked by our staff (as stated in the NGJASC contract).
13. Ofsted may be informed:

0300 123 1231

- A late fine is given to the parent after 5 minutes of being late. The amount is £20 for the first 10 minutes after that it goes up £5 every 5 minutes.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	NGJASC	name of setting
Held on	DEC 2022	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
Name of signatory	Tammy Nelson	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)	MANAGER	
