

Happy Days Club Ltd

Arrivals and Departures

Happy Days Club Ltd recognises the importance of having robust systems in place to ensure the safe arrival and departure of the children in our care.

The manager will ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in the Club, and that any arrivals or departures are recorded in the register. The register is kept in an accessible location on the premises at all times. In addition, we conduct regular headcounts during the session.

Escorting children to the Club

- The Club and school have a clear agreement concerning the transfer of responsibility for children's safety.
- We have risk assessed the route used to escort children to the Club and review it regularly.
- The school and the Club keep an identical register of children who require escorting between locations which are updated daily.
- The children will be collected from their external classroom doors and escorted to the Club.
- Two/Three members of staff wearing high-vis jackets will escort the children from their classrooms to the Club.
- If a child is booked into the Club but is not at the collection point, we will check whether the child was present at school that day or has the teacher allowed the child to leave with another adult. In this instance, Happy Days Club will contact the emergency contact to inform them they do not have their child. If the whereabouts of the child is not known, staff will immediately inform the designated contact at the school and ask the school to implement its Missing Child policy.

Arrivals

Our staff will greet each child warmly on their arrival at the Club and will record the child's attendance in the daily register straight away, including the time of arrival. Parents will be expected to sign their children over to us at the breakfast club.

Departures

- Staff will ensure that parents or carers sign children out before they leave, including the time of collection.
- Children are collected by an adult who has been authorised to do so on their registration form.
- In exceptional circumstances, if the parent requires another person who is not listed on the registration form to collect their child, the child's parents or carers must inform the Club in advance and provide a description of the person and a password that they will use. If the manager has any concerns regarding the person collecting

he/she will contact the main parent or carer for confirmation.

- The parent or carer must notify the Club if they will be late collecting their child. If the Club is not informed, the Uncollected Children policy will be followed.
- Children over the age of eight will only be allowed to leave the Club alone at the end of the session if the Club has discussed this with the child's parents and has received their written consent.
- Children below the age of eight will not be allowed to leave the Club unaccompanied.

Absences

- If a child is going to be absent from a session, parents must notify the Club in advance.
- If a child is absent without explanation, staff will contact the parents or carers and the school to check where the child should be. If staff still have concerns about the child's whereabouts after attempts to contact the parents and the school the manager will contact the police.
- The Club will try to discover the causes of prolonged and unexplained absences. Regular absences could indicate that a child or their family might need additional support.

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| To be reviewed: 8th October 2022 | Signed: Emma Longbotham |

Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment [3.63, 3.65]; and Information and records [3.77]