

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.**

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

## **8.2 Maintaining children's safety and security on premises**

### **Policy statement**

Apples and Honey Nightingale maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

### **Procedures**

#### *Children's personal safety*

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records via an enhanced disclosure with children's barred list check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessments to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

#### *Security*

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults - staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- We usually only allow access to visitors with prior appointments.
- Our staff check the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep front doors and gates locked shut at all times. Back doors are kept locked shut at all times where they may lead to a public or unsupervised area.

- We have a security guard, from Elizabethan Security, on site during the setting's hours.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises.

This policy was adopted by

*Apples and Honey Nightingale*

on

Date to be reviewed

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director  
or owner)

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**Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications**

- Managing Risk (2009)