

**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.

**Maintaining children’s safety and security on premises**

**Policy statement**

We 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, students, volunteers and visitors – are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- Our staff check the identity of any person who is not known before they enter the premises.
- We keep front doors and guards locked shut at all time. Back doors are kept locked shut at all times where they may lead to a public or unsupervised area.
- 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 Blackberry Lane Nursery (name of provider)

On 21 July 2017 (date)

Date to be reviewed July 2018 (date)

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory	Mrs Kirsty Clements	Mrs Debbie Gibson
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Company Secretary	Manager

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date)