

06.7 Death of a child on-site

Identifying

- If it is suspected that a child has died in the setting, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

Informing

- The Manager / Deputy ensures emergency services have been contacted; ambulance and police.
- The parents are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called; asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The manager/Deputy informs the designated safeguarding lead of what has happened.
- The Chairperson is contacted and 06.1c Confidential safeguarding incident report form prepared by the manager/ deputy and designated safeguarding lead.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the Manager/ deputy or Chairperson and the information given should be the same to each parent.
- The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person (**Chairperson Carol Kimmens**) and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the press.

Responding

- The Chairperson and Committee will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The Chairperson and committee will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of _____ *(Name of provider)*

Coleview Pre-School

Held on _____ September 2021 *(date)*

Date to be reviewed _____ September 2022 *(date)*

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory _____ Carol Kimmens

Role of signatory _____ Chairperson