

## Summary of Conkers' Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

### Statement for Parents and Carers

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children are safe. Your child's wellbeing is the most important thing to you and to us in the Nursery. We are required by law to have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. The Policy says what we will do at Conkers Nursery if we think that a child in our care is suffering either emotional, physical or sexual abuse or neglect. It also explains our procedures for using cameras, mobile phones and the internet.

We have a responsibility to children, parents, carers and staff to act quickly and responsibly if anything comes to our attention. If you have any concerns for a child please speak to us at any time.

We have to report any concerns around abuse to Children's Social Care, whether these are against staff, volunteers, carers, or the general public. The Children Act 1989 says that Children's Social Care have to investigate this. Information will be communicated securely and confidentially and only to those who need to know.

Conkers Nursery will tell OFSTED if Children's Social Care are looking into a child protection matter at the Nursery. Children's Social Care are the people who will look into the concerns about a child and the Balsam Centre will be responsible for taking any action in respect of a staff member or volunteer.

**The person responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding at Conkers is the Manager, or in her absence, the Deputy Manager. All queries and concerns should be addressed to them.**

The full Conkers Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available as a paper copy from the Nursery and electronically on the Balsam Centre website [www.balsamcentre.org.uk](http://www.balsamcentre.org.uk)

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