



Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Amendment – September 2026

This amendment updates Burpham Preschool's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy to reflect the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework requirements effective from 1 September 2026, together with relevant safeguarding developments in *Working Together to Safeguard Children* and, where applicable, *Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026*.

Key Safeguarding Changes

- **Safer Eating:** Staff must ensure children are appropriately supervised when eating, with particular attention to choking risks, dietary requirements, allergies and individual medical needs. Staff have completed allergy and anaphylaxis training.
- **Safer Recruitment and DBS:** The setting will review DBS requirements for all employees, volunteers and students considering the removal of the supervision exemption for regulated activity with children from 1 September 2026.
- **Volunteers and Students:** Appropriate suitability checks, references, induction and safeguarding arrangements must be completed before individuals undertake relevant duties with children.
- **Allegations Against Adults:** Any allegation that an adult working or living on the premises has harmed a child must be acted upon immediately and reported through the appropriate safeguarding and regulatory procedures. The setting will notify Ofsted where required.
- **Safeguarding Culture:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All staff must remain alert to signs of abuse, neglect, domestic abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, online harm and other safeguarding concerns, including concerns that may initially appear low-level.
- **Child-Centred Practice:** Staff must listen to children, take concerns seriously and consider the individual circumstances, communication needs, age and developmental stage of each child.

- **Information Sharing:** Safeguarding information will be recorded accurately, stored securely and shared promptly with parents, professionals or safeguarding partners where this is necessary to protect a child.
- **Online Safety:** Although Burpham Preschool provides care for very young children, staff must consider risks arising from children's exposure to digital technology and from the use of digital devices, photographs and online communication by adults.
- **Mobile Phones and Photographs:** Staff and visitors must comply with the setting's procedures for mobile phones, photography and recording to protect children's privacy and safety.
- **Premises and Animals:** Appropriate risk assessments and safeguarding controls must be maintained for the premises, outdoor areas, visitors and any animals present.
- **Professional Challenge:** Staff must report concerns even where they involve a colleague, manager, volunteer, visitor or other professional. No member of staff should assume that someone else will act on a concern.

Responsibilities

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) will ensure that safeguarding procedures remain effective, staff receive appropriate training and safeguarding records are maintained.

All staff must know how to contact the DSL/DDSL and what to do if a concern arises when the DSL is unavailable.

The Trustees and leadership team will review the setting's safer recruitment, DBS, safer-sleep, eating and choking, mobile-phone, online-safety, allegations and information-sharing procedures to ensure they reflect the September 2026 requirements.

This amendment should be read alongside Burpham Preschool's full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, the EYFS statutory framework and current safeguarding guidance.

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