



Missing Child Procedure

At Smartkidz Play and Learn Ltd we are always alert to the possibility that children can go missing during sessions. To minimise the risk of this happening staff will carry out periodic head counts, particularly when transporting children between locations (eg walking from the school to the Club).

If a child cannot be located, the following steps will be taken:

- All staff will be informed that the child is missing.
- Staff will speak to school staff to check if the child is attending an extra-curricular club or if they are aware of where the child is.
- Staff will conduct a thorough search of the premises and surrounding area (This includes the nearby parks).
- After 20 minutes the police will be informed. The manager will then contact the child's parents or carers.
- Staff will continue to search for the child whilst waiting for the police and parents to arrive.
- We will maintain as normal a routine as possible for the rest of the children at the Club.
- The manager will liaise with the police and the child's parent or carer.

The incident will be recorded in the **Incident Log**. A review will be conducted regarding this and any other related incidents along with relevant policies and procedures. We will identify and implement any changes, as necessary.

If the police or Social Care were involved in the incident, we will also inform Ofsted.

Useful numbers

Police: 999

Social Care: 0345 045 5203

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2014):Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Information for parents and carers [3.73]* .

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