

## **General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare**

The provider must take necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

# **Safeguarding children**

## **1.9a Walking Bus**

### **Policy statement**

The walking bus enables us to get the children safely from the preschool to a designated location within the village.

We aim to do this to by making it both safe and enjoyable for the children, as well as using it as an opportunity for learning.

The main walking bus route to the village hall has been approved by Devon County Council as it is also used by Newton St Cyres Primary School for their walking bus.

### **EYFS key themes and commitments**

<b>A Unique Child</b>	<b>Positive Relationships</b>	<b>Enabling Environments</b>	<b>Learning and Development</b>
1.3 Keeping Safe	2.1 Respecting Each Other	3.4 The Wider Context	

### **Procedures**

- The children are called one by one to collect their belongings and put on any coats etc.
- They are helped, if needed, to get into a high visibility jacket for safety and are shown which ring on the safety belt/rope to hold.
- When everyone is ready and holding a ring, a final headcount is taken and checked against the register.

- We proceed to leave the preschool building in a safe and relaxed way.
- A member of staff checks the road and will see the children across if applicable. (This is a great opportunity for learning and understanding of road safety).
- We have a gentle walk, chatting, singing songs, and playing listening games and eye spy. We make the experience as fun but as educational as possible. We learn a lot about the children and their understanding and preferences in the world around them.
- On arrival at the final destination, a further headcount is taken.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

**NEWTON NIPPERS**

Held on

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Date to be reviewed

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Signed on behalf of the management  
committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson)

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