**Fire Procedure**

We have to meet the requirements of Ofsted and Peterborough Fire Authority with regard to the fire safety needs of the children in our care. We know with even the best fire preventions fires can start unexpectedly and therefore everybody in our care needs to know what to do should an event take place.

**Fire Prevention**

 Children are not allowed in the kitchen area when items are being cooked unless closely supervised

 We keep the kitchen clean at all times.

 We keep tea towels, kitchen roll and electric cables away from hot appliances

 All electrical equipment and sockets are PAC tested.

 We do not overload sockets and try to keep to one plug-one socket where possible

 We teach children to show a member of staff any matches or lighters they find

 We do not use portable heaters except in emergencies

 We ensure fires and heaters are off or safe when not required

 We keep aerosols in dry conditions away from heat sources

 We keep combustibles away from the electrical mains

On a night time

 All heaters are switched off

**Fire Procedure**

If any member of staff discover a fire at the setting/we will keep calm and act quickly. We will immediately alert everyone calling FIRE. We will gather all the children together and evacuate immediately, in a sensible and calm manner without running, leaving through the safest exit point. If we have to move through smoke we will stay close together and keep low at all times. We will assemble the children at the fire point which is posted on the fire poster and check they are all present and safe while another member of staff rings the Fire Brigade on 999. No-one will re-enter the building until we are told it is safe to do so.

**Fire Policy**

We will undertake regular fire drills, practising these on a monthly basis and whenever we have a new child in our care.

Smoke alarms are fitted and these will be tested on a weekly basis.

We have a fire blanket at the setting, and know how to use it.

We know the fire blanket could be used to contain a small fire to gain time to escape.

We know it is far more important to evacuate the children and ensure their safety than to fight the fire.

Fire exits will be clear of obstructions and tripping hazards.

Where a stair gate is in use we will ensure an adult can quickly move it if necessary.