**Lost Child Policy**

The care and safety of your child is paramount and we will always try to ensure that they remain with us and are safe.

In the unlikely event should this happen, the following procedure has been put into place and will be adhered to.

· We will immediately raise the alarm to all around us that a child is missingand enlist the help of everyone to look for them

· If it is a secure area such as a shopping centre, we will quickly alert the security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on any CCTV

· We will provide everyone involved in the search with a description of the child.

· We will reassure the other children with us, as they may be distressed

· We will then alert the police and provide a full description

· We will then alert the parents of the situation

We take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:

· Ensuring the children hold our hands with Adults whilst we are out

· Avoid going to places that are overcrowded

· On outings the children wear wristbands with our mobile number on them

· We teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers