



## Acres of Fun Childminding

### Lost child policy

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

However sometimes children can become 'lost' in busy places and therefore as a responsible childminder I will follow the following procedures in the unlikely event of this happening.

I will immediately raise the alarm to all around me that I have lost a child and enlist the help of everyone to look for them

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

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

I will reassure the other children with me, as they may be distressed

I will then alert the police and provide a full description

I will then alert the parents of the situation

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

Ensuring the children hold my hand or the pushchair whilst we are out

Avoid going to places that are overcrowded

On outings the children wear wristbands with my mobile number on them

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

### Uncollected child policy

If you are delayed in collecting your child please ring me as soon as possible. If a child is uncollected I will

after 20 minutes ring the contact numbers I have for parents.

After 30 minutes ring the emergency contact numbers

After 1 hour ring the local social services duty officer to arrange collection of the child.

It is in the child's and your best interest to inform me of any delay.