

Lost Child Policy

- I do risk assessments for all trips and outings, groups etc. This involves minimising (and negating where possible!) the risk of losing a child.
- When we visit somewhere less familiar (eg Odds farm, Beconscott model village) I attach my mobile phone number to all children and buggies.
- I provide extra adult/ older child help if I think it is necessary to properly supervise certain children in certain situations. (eg trips).
- I teach the children about safety when we are out and about and tell them what to do if they do become lost according to their age and stage of development; e.g. stay where they are, meet up at a certain place, use their mobile phone to summon help.
- If a child goes missing, I tell older children (my own two) to spread out and look. If still missing after 1 minute, I would call the police, provide a description and search the area.
- If a child goes missing in a public place e.g. a library, park, shop or shopping centre I will also alert the staff and security staff.
- Then, I would contact the parents and Ofsted.
- Other children in my care would be kept with me and reassured.

