

## Emergency Evacuation and Fire Safety

### Policy statement

It would be very unlikely that there would ever be a need to evacuate the house in a real emergency. However, if such a need were to arise then we have the necessary precautions in place to ensure that all children and adults are kept safe and well cared for until such time that we could return to the house or families were able to collect their children.

### Procedures

By regularly risk assessing the house we can ensure that any risks are reduced. (Example, not blocking exits and replacing and faulty electrics). We ensure that smoke detectors and Co2 detectors are checked monthly and are working at all times. We have a fire extinguisher, and a fire blanket should we need these to help us get out of the house. We regularly carry out mock evacuations with the children so that they will understand what to do in the event of an evacuation.

We ensure that we have up to date emergency contacts readily available for the children. We ask that families ensure they inform us immediately if there is any change in contact details. Contacts will be notified of any situation as soon as possible after an incident has happened. We may use several ways to contact families and keep everyone involved. For example we may call, text, email or publish a post on our social media pages, depending on the incident.

We have several emergency places that we could should the need arise:

This may be other childminders, friends or families houses or safe places locally, such as the library. Children will always be our main priority and we will ensure they are always supervised by a suitable adult.

Our first place however would be Little Twidlets Shop, 1 New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1NY. We have plenty of provisions there, including toys, resources, blankets, snacks and a phone. We are able to run childminding from this space, however we will assess each incident individually and families may still be requested to pick up their child as soon as possible.

