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In the Event of a Lost Child

The care of your child is paramount and adequate supervision is always maintained, both in and out of the home.

In order to prevent any child becoming lost I carry out the following precautions:

- Reins or wrist straps will be used when appropriate with younger children at all times.
- Whilst out on trips a hi-visibility jacket containing my mobile telephone number will be worn over younger children's own clothing.
- Older children will have my mobile number written on the back of their hand/arm (with parents consent.)
- When we arrive at any destination a meeting place will be agreed with them as a precaution.
- Safety talk is given before any outing.

Should a child become lost whilst in my care the following will happen:

- I will initially try calling the child's name to see if they answer, if not, I will immediately alert any staff or security personnel to ensure the child is unable to leave the premises.
- I would enlist the help of others in the vicinity to help me conduct a thorough search of the area to look for the missing child.

If this is not possible I will immediately contact the appropriate professional body, e.g. police or coastguard etc.

- I will contact the child's parents to inform them of the situation.
- I will reassure the other children in my care and contact their parents/carers to come and collect them.
- I will stay as long as necessary, following the advice of the emergency services.
- I would record this on my accident/incident form and inform both Ofsted and my insurance company.