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The Health and Safety of your child is very important to me and I have therefore documented the following procedures that I have in place to support this.

All toys will be checked and cleaned regularly to ensure they are safe for your child to use. Any broken or hazardous toys will be removed immediately. Children will only be offered toys and resources that are suitable for their age/stage development.

I will do a quick risk assessment of my home every morning before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for the children.

All plug sockets not in use have socket covers.

All equipment (high chairs, pushchairs etc) will be checked to ensure that it is working correctly and cleaned regularly.

Car seats are checked regularly to ensure they are correctly fitted. I never use second hand car seat's as I do not know its history.

My car is regularly serviced and MOT. I keep safety locks on the back doors. My car insurance is for business use.

I use safety equipment appropriate for the children in my care, ie stair gates, cupboard locks etc. These are checked regularly.

I will keep my front door locked to prevent the children opening the door to strangers,

I have procedures in place in the event of a fire (see separate policy)

I keep my kitchen very clean following hygiene guidelines on the storing of food, keeping the fridge at the correct temperature etc.

I ensure that the children do not have access to any waste, the bins are emptied daily and any used nappies are wrapped and placed in the outdoor rubbish bin.

I do not permit smoking in my home.

Children must stay with me at all times when we are away from the home.

Sleeping children will be regularly checked.

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### **Outings**

I will obtain written parental permission for all routine and special outings.

I risk assess any environment that I take the children into eg walking to school, the shops, library and toddler groups etc. If planning a special outing I try to do a risk assessment in advance so I am aware of any potential hazards.

I record my assessments on forms in a risk assessment file.

I ensure that I take everything that I might need for the outing eg first aid kit, coats, sun cream, sun hats, food and drinks, mobile phone etc.

I will ensure that the car is properly maintained (MOT, tax and insurance) and have breakdown cover.