**Arrivals and Departures**

Branston Little Pickles Pre School will ensure that all children are greeted warmly and made to feel welcome upon arrival. Staff will ensure that they depart safely at the end of every session.

**Arrivals**

* An accurate record/registration form will be kept of all children who attend the setting.
* No child will be admitted into the Pre-School until the registration form is complete with all necessary information as identified in the EYFS.
* A register will be kept; on arrival children will be marked as present and there will be regular head counts throughout the day.
* The register will be kept on the premises at all times. A copy of the register will be taken on trips and outings.
* A member of staff will immediately record a child’s arrival at the setting.
* Familiar staff will greet children and parents.

**Departures**

* Parents may collect children at any time during the session.
* Children will only be released to their parent/carer or the person on the permission form unless the setting has been informed of changes beforehand and suitable arrangements made.
* Branston Little Pickles pre-school reserves the right to refuse to release a child from our care if there is any doubt as to the authenticity of the person collecting the child.
* Branston Little Pickles Pre School reserve the right, as part of our duty of care, to retain a child within the setting, if we believe a parent or carer who arrives to collect a child, is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance.
* Departure times will be recorded by staff and the staff member’s initials recorded on the register.

**Late collection**

* Late collection of children may result in a charge of £5 for each additional fifteen minutes unless prior arrangement has been made with the manager/supervisor.

**Escorting procedure**

* All regular escorts will be known to the childcare provider and must hold a current DBS check.
* A full risk assessment will be carried out before children are escorted.
* Adult: child normal ratio requirements will be exceeded where necessary.
* Children will walk in pairs.
* Staff will ensure that children walk on the inside of the path.
* When crossing a road, a staff member will be at each end of the group, ensuring they are the first to enter the road and the last to leave the road.

Branston Little Pickles Pre-School will incorporate road safety training for the children and staff into their planning.

**Non-Collection of Children**

Branston Little Pickles Pre-School will ensure that in the event of a child not being collected at the expected time the following procedure will apply:

* Staff members will remain with the child and give reassurance.
* Two staff members will remain on the premises at all times.
* Attempts will be made to contact the parents/carers.
* In the event that the parents/carers cannot be contacted, attempts will be made to contact those persons named as emergency contacts on the child’s registration form.
* If no contact has been made within one hour, the setting will contact Children’s Services.

**Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Customer Service Centre:**

**Office Hours: Tel. 01522 782111**

**Out of Hours: Tel. 01522 782333**

This policy has been adopted by Little Pickles Pre School

Signed on behalf of the setting by:

Holly Murphy (Chairperson) Date: February 2023

Jodie Cook (Manager)

Review Date: February 2024