STAFF SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING

Sample Nursery

Barking and Dagenham. Prepared 7 November 2026.

For everyone who works at Sample Nursery, including students, volunteers and anyone who takes children on outings: for induction, the staff meeting and the staffroom wall.

This is a sample. The setting's name and the names of streets and places have been changed. The figures are real and describe one area in England.

1 The area around the nursery

- Police-recorded crime and anti-social behaviour at map points within 500 metres of the nursery: 467 records in the year to August 2026, most often violence and sexual offences and anti-social behaviour.
- The street descriptors that recur most in the record within a kilometre: Road A, Road B and Road C. A recurring descriptor says where records are placed, not that a street is unsafe.
- Places nearby that outings use and families arrive by: Bus stop A (90 m), Park A (470 m) and Park B (490 m). The outings risk assessment names the crossings on the way.
- Injury collisions within a kilometre, 2021 to 2025: 132, 50 in drop-off and collection hours. The door at drop-off and collection is where a named member of staff stands.

2 What to be alert to

- A child too young to talk cannot tell you. Look for unexplained marks or injuries, a change in behaviour or play, a child who is hungry, unwashed or often absent, and a parent who is anxious, withdrawn or unsteady at the door.
- Write every injury in the accident book with what the parent said and what you saw; an explanation that changes, or an injury on a baby who cannot yet move, goes to the lead the same day.
- A child who lives with domestic abuse cannot report it; tell the lead what you see in the child and in the parent.

3 Who to tell

- Any concern about a child: tell the lead practitioner for safeguarding straight away, the same day, and write it down.
- If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.
- A concern about a place rather than a child (a street, a park, a stop): tell the lead practitioner for safeguarding, who passes it to the police through their partnership intelligence route and, where it suggests exploitation, to the partnership's child exploitation group.
- Our local arrangements: Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Partnership, https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/childrens-safeguarding-partnership.
- The council's page for reporting a concern about a child: https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/report-serious-concern-about-child-marf-professionals.
- A concern about an adult who works with children: tell the manager or the lead practitioner for safeguarding. The designated officer's route: https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/safeguarding-risk-children/managing-allegations-against-staff.

Lead practitioner for safeguarding: _____

Deputies: _____

What this cannot tell you

• These figures describe the area around the nursery and the local authority. They say nothing about our children, and a quiet area is not a safe child.

• Recorded crime counts what was reported to the police; much harm to children is never reported. Your knowledge of a child always outweighs a figure.

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