

## **St Mary's Playgroup**

### **Alcohol and Drugs –Safeguarding Children**

Our setting ensures that under no circumstances will any practitioner/adult be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol whether caring for children or not. Medication that is prescribed to the practitioners or members of the childcare team, other than routine antibiotics, will be made know to Ofsted and other relevant authorities if it is deemed to affect the care of the children.

Alcohol will not be consumed on the premises while childcare children are in attendance.

It's the policy of the setting to ask parents/carers to make alternative arrangements for their children to be collected if they have had a drink (i.e. after a Christmas parties/after work socials).

If you have any concerns at all relating to drugs or alcohol please bear in mind that the setting can point you in the right direction for help and support, especially when it is considered that such substances are readily available in today's society. Children are especially susceptible them.

It is the policy of the setting to terminate a childcare contract with immediate effect if a child's behaviour due to drugs/alcohol may be putting the other children within the setting at risk.

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