

MISSING CHILD PROCEDURE

At The Avenue Breakfast and After School Club we are always alert to the possibility that children can go missing during sessions. To minimise the risk of this happening staff will carry out periodic head counts, particularly when transporting children between locations (e.g. walking from Park Junior School to The Avenue Infant School).

If a child cannot be located, the following steps will be taken:

- All staff will be informed that the child is missing
- Staff will conduct a thorough search of the premises and surrounding area
- After 10 minutes the police will be informed. The manager will then contact the child's parents/carers.
- Staff will continue to search for the child whilst waiting for the police and parents to arrive
- We will maintain as normal a routine as possible for the rest of the children at the Club
- The manager will liaise with the police and the child's parent/carer.

The incident will be recorded in the **Incident Log**. A review will be conducted regarding this and any other related incidents along with relevant policies and procedures. We will identify and implement changes as necessary.

If the police or Social Care were involved in the incident, we will also inform Ofsted.

Useful Numbers

Police: 101

Social Care: 0300 126 1000 Option 1

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

This procedure was adopted and reviewed on:	Date: 24/01/2023
To be reviewed: Annually	Signed: Stewart Miller, Chair of Governors