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| **Lost or Missing Child Policy.** |
| *Providers must have in place a procedure to be followed in the event of a child going missing at the setting.*  *EYFS Statutory Guidance. Pg. 30* |
| **Our policy for a lost child is:**  **We believe that**  All practitioners at My Little Barn Owls have the highest regard for the safety of the children in our care. The nursery team will always be extremely aware of the potential for children to go missing during sessions and will ensure that exits and entrances are kept secure  .Even when all precautions are properly observed, emergencies can still arise.  Therefore practitioners will undertake periodic head counts, especially at  the transition points between sessions (in addition to the registration  Procedures set out in the Arrival and Departures policy). If for any reason a  member of staff cannot account for a child's whereabouts during a session  at the setting, the following procedure will be activated:  **Our Procedures for Lost or Missing Children: We support this by:**   * As soon as it is known that a child has left the premises, it should be reported to the manager Rebecca Blenkin / Karen Thomas. who will, if necessary inform the police by calling 999 and the child's parents/guardians. * If a child goes missing whilst on a trip 999 will be phoned straight away, followed by the manager and parent’s being informed. If the trip is on organised premises such as Canon Hall or Ponderosa the site manager and security will be informed. * The manager will alert members of staff to search both indoor and outdoor areas. If the child is found by a staff member the child will be given comfort and reassurance. It will be explained to the child and all other children that they must not leave the setting and why. The parent/carer will be informed of the incident. * A full risk assessment will be performed and the incident reviewed to determine how to prevent a recurrence in the future * All incidents of a child leaving the premises should be recorded and reported to parents and carer   **Ofsted will be informed of any incident with 14 days** |