



1.07 Incapacitated parent/carer

Incapacitated refers to a condition which renders a parent/carer unable to take responsibility for their child; this could be at the time of collecting their child from the setting or on arrival. Concerns may include:

- appearing drunk
- appearing under the influence of drugs
- demonstrating angry and threatening behaviour to the child, members of staff or others
- appearing erratic or manic

Informing

- If a member of staff at Cringleford Crackerjacks is concerned that a parent/carer display any of the above characteristics, they inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.
- The designated safeguarding lead assesses the risk and decides if further intervention is required.
- If it is decided that no further action is required, a record of the incident is made on the child's CPOMS record.
- If intervention is required, the designated safeguarding lead speaks to the parent/carer in an appropriate, confidential manner.
- The designated safeguarding lead will, in agreement with the parent/carer, use emergency contacts listed for the child to ask an alternative adult to collect the child.
- The emergency contact is informed of the situation by the designated safeguarding lead and of the setting's requirement to inform social care of their contact details.
- The designated officer is informed of the situation as soon as possible and provide advice and assistance as appropriate.
- If there is no one suitable to collect the child a phone call is made to CADS on 0344 800 8021.
- If violence is threatened towards anybody, the police are called immediately.

- If the parent/carer takes the child from Cringleford Crackerjacks while incapacitated the police are called immediately and a referral is made to CADS.

Recording

- The designated safeguarding lead records the incident on the child's CPOMS record and alerts the designated safeguarding officer.

This policy was adopted at a meeting:	
Held on	Date
Date to be reviewed	Date
Signed on behalf of the Committee	
Name of signatory	
Role of signatory (e.g. Chair)	