

## Late Collection and Non-Collection

EYFS: 3.73

At **Al Emaan Nursery** we expect all parents to agree an approximate time to collect their child from the nursery. We give parents information about the procedures to follow if they expect to be late. These include:

- Calling the nursery as soon as possible to advise of their situation
- Asking a designated adult to collect their child wherever possible
- Informing the nursery of this person's identity so the nursery can talk to the child if appropriate. This will help to reduce or eliminate any distress caused by this situation
- If the designated person is not known to the nursery staff, the parent must provide a detailed description of this person, including their date of birth where known. We will call the parent when the designated person arrives to double check. The details of the person will then be recorded on our Blossom system as an emergency contact for future collection of the child – this will be discussed with parent and the person at the time.
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If a child has not been collected from the nursery after a reasonable amount of time (about half an hour) has been allowed for lateness, we initiate the following procedure:

- The nursery manager will be informed that a child has not been collected
- The manager will check for any information regarding changes to normal routines, parents' work patterns or general information. If there is no information recorded, the manager will try to contact the parents on the telephone numbers provided for their mobile, home or work. If this fails the manager will try the emergency contacts shown on the child's records
- The manager/staff member in charge and one other member of staff must stay behind with the child (if outside normal operating hours). During normal operating times, the nursery will plan to meet required staff ratios. If the parents have still not collected the child, the manager will telephone all contact numbers available every 10 minutes until contact is made. These calls will be logged on a full incident record
- In the event of no contact being made after one hour has lapsed, the person in charge will ring the local authority children's social services emergency duty team
- The nursery will inform Ofsted as soon as convenient
- The two members of staff will remain in the building until suitable arrangements have been made for the collection of the child
- The child's welfare and needs will be met at all times and to minimise distress staff will distract, comfort and reassure the child during the process
- In order to provide this additional care a late fee of **£5** will be charged to parents. This will pay for any additional operational costs that caring for a child outside their normal nursery hours may incur.

**Contact numbers:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact No</b>
Social Services Emergency Duty Team	0121 303 1888 after hours 012 1 675 4806.
Ofsted	0300 123 1231

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