

## Noise Management Plan – Childminders

Premises Address: 51 Fish Dam Lane, Monk Bretton, S71 2PY (Monday – Friday 7:30-6)

Date – 15/12/2025

The Noise Management Plan is written in accordance with the following legislation and statutory guidance:

- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Noise Act 1996
- Ofsted Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework

This is to ensure that children are kept safe and well supervised. Reasonable steps are taken to prevent noise that may cause a statutory nuisance or unreasonably disturb neighbouring properties.

1. Purpose: The purpose of this Noise Management Plan is to minimise noise disturbance to neighbouring properties while maintaining a safe, stimulating, and happy environment for children. We recognise our responsibility to be considerate of our local community and aim to manage noise effectively during operating hours.
  2. Noise Sources Identified, Potential sources of noise within the childminding setting include:
    - Children playing indoors and outdoors
    - Arrival and departure of Parents and Carers
    - Outdoor Activities and Garden Play
    - Doors opening and closing
    - Occasional indoor music and group activities
  3. Control Measures – Indoor Noise Control Measures:
    - Children are encouraged to use “indoor voices” during play and group activities
    - Staff will speak with any children who are being overly noisy to remind them to be considerate of others and neighbours
    - All windows and external doors will be kept closed when children are playing indoors to reduce noise escape
    - Indoor music is played at a reasonable volume and is never excessive
- 3.1 Outdoor Noise Control Measures:
- Outdoor play is carefully supervised and managed at all times
  - A member of staff will be present with children outdoors at all times to monitor behaviour and noise levels

- Children are reminded to be respectful and considerate of neighbours while playing outside
- Music shall not be played outside at any time
- Outdoor play times are planned to avoid early mornings or late evenings where possible
- Maintain the 6ft solid fencing for noise buffering
- Maintain the 3-metre-tall hedge for noise buffering
- 3 ft fence around children play area, to improve supervision, safety and privacy whilst supporting effective noise management

### 3.2 Arrival and Departure Measures:

- Signage is displayed near the exit asking parents and carers to be considerate and mindful of noise when arriving and leaving the setting
- Parents are encouraged to leave promptly after drop-off and pick-up and to avoid loud conversations outside the premises
- Car doors and engines should be used considerately, avoiding unnecessary noise.
- Any child who becomes distressed or unsettled outdoors/or at handover will be calmly supported and taken indoors where appropriate. All windows and doors will be closed to minimise noise disturbance to neighbouring properties

### 4. Staff Responsibilities - All Staff are responsible for:

- Actively monitoring noise levels throughout the day
- Reminding children about appropriate noise levels and respectful behaviour
- Ensuring windows and doors are shut when required
- Supervising children at all times during outdoor play
- Communicating politely and promptly with parents regarding noise expectations.
- Ensure Staff-Child ratios are maintained at all times to allow effective supervision and prompt management of noise levels

Both childminders are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this plan and ensuring staff are aware of their duties.

### 5. Monitoring and Complaints:

- Noise levels are monitored hourly by staff during indoor and outdoor activities
- Any concerns raised by neighbours will be taken seriously and addressed promptly
- All complaints will be logged, investigated, and reviewed with appropriate actions taken to prevent recurrence
- Open communication with neighbours will be encouraged to maintain positive relationships where possible

6. Review – This Noise Management Plan will be reviewed annually or sooner if:

- There are changes to the setting or operating hours
- A noise complain is received
- Improvements to noise control are identified

All staff will be informed of any updates and changes to the plan