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Children Missing from School Premises

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Children Missing from School Premises Procedure

Ebor Academy Trust has the highest regard for the safety of the children in our care. Staff will always be extremely aware of the potential for children to go missing during sessions.

Even when all precautions are properly observed, emergencies can still arise. Therefore, members of staff will undertake periodic head counts, especially at the transition points between sessions (in addition to the registration procedures). If for any reason a member of staff cannot account for a child's whereabouts during school, nursery or extended school clubs, the following procedure will be activated:

- The member of staff in question will inform both the relevant SLT member and the rest of the staff team that the child is missing and a thorough search of the entire premises will commence. The staff team will be careful not to create an atmosphere of panic and to ensure that the other children remain safe and adequately supervised.
- The relevant SLT member will nominate two members of staff, one male and one female, to search the area surrounding the premises. All staff will be extra vigilant to any potentially suspicious behaviour or persons in and around the school.
- If after 30 minutes of thorough searching the child is still missing, the relevant SLT member will inform the police and then the child's parent/carer.
- While waiting for the police and the parent/carer to arrive, searches for the child will continue. During this period, other members of staff will maintain as normal a routine as is possible for the rest of the children.
- The relevant SLT member will be responsible for meeting the police and the missing child's parent/carer. The relevant SLT member will co-ordinate any actions instructed by the police, and do all they can to comfort and reassure the parents/carers.
- Once the incident is resolved, the relevant SLT member and the staff team will review relevant policies and procedures and implement any necessary changes (paying particular note to the relevant provisions of the Site Security and Risk Assessments).
- All incidents of children going missing from the school will be recorded in the Incident Record Book, and in cases where either the police or social services have been informed, Ofsted will also be informed, as soon as is practicable.