



Major Incidents/National Emergency Policy

Statement of Intent

It is necessary to have a procedure in place in the event of a more widespread disaster in the community, for example, a major fire, flood, civil disturbances and terrorism. At all times, the care and security we provide to your child is paramount.

Procedure

Recognising the Terrorist Threat

There is a serious and sustained threat from terrorism to the UK and UK interests overseas. Although we consider our risk in such a rural community, to be low. We have a procedure in place if we have any concerns of this kind whatsoever.

1. Threat Levels

- We can check the current threat levels by visiting the terrorism and national emergencies area on gov.uk, or on the MI5 website.
- Attacks may be mounted without warning.

2. STAY SAFE: Terrorism Firearms and Weapons Attacks

Firearms and weapons attacks are rare in the UK, the 'STAY SAFE' principles give us some simple actions to consider during an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearms attack:

2.1 RUN

- We will escape if we can
- Consider the safest options
- Is there a safe routes? RUN if not HIDE
- Can we get there without exposing ourselves to greater danger?
- We will insist others leave with us
- We will leave belongings behind

2.2 HIDE

- If we can't RUN, we will HIDE
- Find cover from gunfire
- If we see the attacker, they may be able to see us
- Cover from view does not mean you are safe, bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal
- Find cover from gunfire, e.g. substantial brickwork/heavy reinforced walls
- Be aware of our exits
- Try not to get trapped anywhere
- Be quiet, silence any phones
- Lock/barricade ourselves in
- Move away from the door

2.3 TELL - Call 999 - What do the police need to know?

- Location - Where are you and where are the suspects?
- Direction - Where do you last see the suspects?
- Descriptions - Describe the attacker, numbers, features, clothing, weapons etc.
- Further information - Casualties, types of injury, building information, entrances, exits, hostages etc.
- Stop other people entering the building if it is safe to do so

2.4 Armed Police Response

- Follow officers instructions
- Remain calm
- Can we move to a safer area?
- Avoid sudden movements that may be considered a threat
- Keep our hands in view

2.5 Officers may...

- Point guns
- Treat us firmly
- Question us
- Be unable to distinguish us from the attacker
- Officers will evacuate us when it is safe to do so

3. Terrorism Threat Levels

The threat level indicates the likelihood of a terrorist attack in the UK.

International Threats

The threat to England from international terrorism was classed as Severe on 29/5/2017, after being at critical for a few days following the Manchester attack.

There are 5 levels of threat:

- 1. Low - an attack is unlikely**
- 2. Moderate - and attack is possible but not likely**
- 3. Substantial - an attack is a strong possibility**
- 4. Severe - an attack is highly likely**
- 5. Critical - an attack is expected imminently**

Here are The Spring Montessori we will do everything within our power to protect, comfort and support your child in the event of a major incident. If we are involved in the incident we will comply fully with the instructions of the emergency services and constantly reassure them.

If you as a parent/Carer are involved in an incident, please be reassured that we will continue to care for your child until you are able to return or a nominated person is able to collect them. We will follow our Non-collection Of A Child Policy.

We understand that during major incidents, mobile phone networks are often not available and even landlines can be cancelled. We will however attempt to contact you as soon as possible and ask you try to do the same. We will keep up to date on the situation using any media source available to us. We will endeavour to protect your child from information which may cause distress.

Please also see our Lockdown Procedure.

This policy was adopted by _____ *(name of provider)*

On _____ *(date)*

Date to be reviewed _____ *(date)*

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)