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**Missing Child Procedure**

At Foots Cray O.S.C. we are always alert to the possibility that children can go missing during sessions. To minimize the risk of this happening staff will carry out periodic head counts, particularly when transporting children between locations (e.g. walking from the school to the Club).

If a child cannot be located, the following steps will be taken:

* All staff will be informed that the child is missing.
* Staff will conduct a thorough search of the premises and surrounding area.
* After 10 minutes the police will be informed. The manager will then contact the child’s parents or carers.
* Staff will continue to search for the child whilst waiting for the police and parents to arrive.
* We will maintain as normal a routine as possible for the rest of the children at the Club.
* The manager will liaise with the police and the child’s parent or carer.

The incident will be recorded in the **Incident Log**. A review will be conducted regarding this and any other related incidents along with relevant policies and procedures. We will identify and implement any changes as necessary.

If the police or Social Care were involved in the incident, we will also inform Ofsted.

**Useful numbers**

**Royal Park**

Bexley Children’s Services (MASH) 9-5 0203 045 5440

Out of Hours 0208 303 7777

**Grays Farm**

Bromley Children’s Services (MASH) 9-5 0208 461 7373

Out of Hours 030 0303 8671

**Horizon** 9-5 03000 411111

Out of Hours 03000 419191

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Police: 0300 123 1212

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