

Free Range Explorers Noise Management Plan

Location: 9 Cooks Mead, Uplyme Dt7 3XJ

Free Range Explorers is a small childminding business dedicated to working in harmony with the local community to monitor and reduce any noise disturbance to our local neighbours. The purpose of this plan is to clarify the actions we will put in place to minimize any disturbances.

Noise Risk

The potential sources of noise are:

- Children using the outside space
- Vehicles arriving to drop off and collect children.

Children Outside

The main source of noise pollution is when children will be outside. The children are aged between 10 months and 10 years old, with a maximum of 18 children attending each day. Childminded children may be playing outside anytime between 8am-5.30pm during the day Monday-Friday.

Free Range Explorers are committed to providing an engaging environment that supports all children to be happy and occupied in their learning. Children are encouraged to talk to each other with respect and we embed the British Values in our approach. Adults model our expectations to each other and the children by always communicating clearly and politely. We have a set of rules that are regularly shared with children on our Golden Pebbles that include the follow:

- We listen to each other
- We use kind hands and feet
- We help our friends be happy
- We are kind to the animals

Despite this on occasion a child's actions through a behaviour outburst or an accident could cause a noise disturbance from screaming or crying excessively that maybe unpleasant for our neighbours.

All the staff are aware of the impact of any such disturbance on our community and are all trained to limit any disruption. The following measures are in place to avoid such a disturbance:

- A member of the team will go to a child and assess if the child can be calmed safely, happily, and promptly whilst in the garden.
- If this is possible the child will be taken into the Guinea Pig Garden, furthest away from any residential property as we calm the child.
- If the child continues to cause a disturbance or the incident requires immediate inside resolve the member of staff will then take the child inside to calm and approach behaviour/incident.

Our outside space is at the heart of what we do, and we have been creating an environment for the children that also has a positive impact on native wildlife by planting trees and hedges. This is an ongoing project, with new hedges to be planted in the New Year. This will help to minimise any noise that may disturb the neighbours.

Complaints

We hope our approach will minimise any complaints, however in the event a neighbour feels they have been disturbed complaints can be made to:

Jess at freerangeexplorers@gmail.com

Any complaints will be logged, and influence how we improve or alter our Noise Management Plan either through our approach to the children or improving the physical environment to reduce the noise impact on our immediate neighbours.

Vehicles Arriving

Vehicles will be arriving and leaving at different times of the day, avoiding large quantities of cars arriving at one time. The location is by Lyme Road, an already busy main road, and many cars use Cooks Mead to drop children at the local primary school up the road. The traffic noise from this far exceeds the modest number of cars arriving at 9 Cooks Mead, which also provides a reduction to vehicles at the school peak times by offering wrap around care so cars arrive at different times of the day.

Parking has been improved, by creating space within boundary of property. Creating parking close to the busy Lyme Road.

No further action necessary.

Noise Management Plan created by Jessica Webber

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