



Child Protection – Ethos

‘Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enable them to fulfil their potential. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right.’ Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Safeguarding in Clare House is considered everyone’s responsibility and as our setting aims to create the safest environment within which every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The setting recognises the contribution it can make in ensuring that all children registered or who use our facilities feel that they will be listened to and appropriate action will be taken. We will do this by working in partnership with other agencies in accordance with **Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018¹** and seeking to establish effective working relationships with parents, carers and other colleagues. We have developed a approach called “**The curious practitioner**” Professional curiosity is the capacity and communication skill to explore and understand what is happening within a family rather than making assumptions or accepting things at face value. Professional curiosity can require practitioners to: Think ‘outside the box’, beyond their usual professional role, and consider families’ circumstances holistically

We will not presume what is happening within the family home ,we will ask questions and have those “ **Challenging conversations**” where we can seek clarity and take appropriate actions, Following the guidance set out in the **Effective support for children and families in Somerset**.

Our aim will always be to keep the child or adult safe, not to judge or criticise. We will be open to the unexpected.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>