



# St. Paul's Community Development Trust

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## Security Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am sure you are as devastated as we are to learn about the recent events in Southport, and the subsequent violence that is occurring in our cities as a result of unfounded speculation.

We want to assure you that we prioritise the safety & security of all children who attend our settings. Our childcare and playscheme services are inspected by Ofsted; we have robust policies and procedures in place and improved site security with the installation of the new gates. The gates are open from 7am to 9am, and then locked until 6pm. For parents dropping off children in The Nest at 8am the Venture building is locked until 9am and the Children's Centre building is locked at all times.

All staff have been briefed that they are to ask the purpose of anyone's visit before they open the gates. Please be patient if we are unable to get to the 'phone' quickly enough to let you in, there is a camera, so we can see who it is.

- We have a 'lockdown' & 'evacuation' policy and are reminding staff of our emergency procedures.
- All staff & volunteers are processed with references and DBS checks before they can start work with us.
- All settings and activities are 'risk assessed' including trips out and we ensure suitable staff ratios to children.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the managers or Safeguarding Leads.

Our thoughts are with the friends and families of those affected by the Southport incident.

Kindest regards

Anita Moore

(Manager of Well-being & Out of School services and Safeguarding Lead for the Trust)

