

Y-Kidz Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol & Drugs Policy

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1. Smoking and vaping:

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the premises of Y-Kidz, including outside play areas. This rule applies to everyone including staff, people collecting children or any other visitors.

If we discover that a child has cigarettes, vaping devices or e-cigarettes in their possession while at Y-Kidz, we will confiscate them and notify their parent or carer at the end of the session.

2. Alcohol:

Anyone who arrives at Y-Kidz clearly under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave immediately. If they are a member of staff, disciplinary procedures will follow.

If we discover that a child has alcohol in their possession while at Y-Kidz, we will confiscate it and notify their parent or carer at the end of the session.
Staff are asked not to bring alcohol onto the Y-Kidz premises.

3. Drugs:

Anyone who arrives at Y-Kidz clearly under the influence of illegal drugs will be asked to leave immediately. If they are a member of staff, serious disciplinary procedures will follow.

If we discover that a child has illegal drugs in their possession while at Y-Kidz, we will inform their parent/carer.

If a member of staff is taking prescription drugs that may affect their ability to function effectively, they must inform the manager as soon as possible and seek medical advice. The manager will then complete a risk assessment. Staff medication on the premises will be stored securely and out of reach of children at all times.

4. Safeguarding children:

All members of staff have a duty to inform the Y-Kidz manager and the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) if they believe that a parent or carer is a threat to the safety of a child due their being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs when they drop off or collect their child. The manager and DSL will decide upon the appropriate course of action.

If a parent/carer is clearly over the alcohol limit, or under the influence of illegal drugs, staff will do their utmost to prevent the child from travelling in a vehicle driven by them. If necessary the Police should be called.