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| **Little Learning Ladder**  **Abusive Parents** |

At little Learning Ladderwe believe that we have a strong partnership with our parents and an open door policy to discuss any matters arising (if applicable).

In the unlikely event that a parent starts to act in an aggressive or abusive way at the nursery, our policy is to:

* Direct the parent away from the children and into a private area such as the office (where appropriate)
* Ensure that a second member of staff be in attendance, where possible whilst ensuring the safe supervision of the children
* Act in a calm and professional way, ask the parent to calm down and make it clear that we do not tolerate aggressive or abusive language or behaviour
* Contact the police if the behaviour does not diffuse
* Once the parent calms down, the member of staff will then listen to their concerns and respond appropriately
* An incident form will be completed detailing the time, reason and action taken
* With incidents like this staff may require support and reassurance following the experience, management will provide this and seek further support where necessary
* Management will also signpost parents to further support if applicable.

Internal use only

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