Lost/Missing Child Policy

The care of your child is paramount and we will always try to ensure that they remain with us and are safe.   
However, children can become 'lost' in buse places or managed to leave settings before and therefore as a responsible setting we have written a procedure that will be followed in the unlikely event of this happening (it never has so far!).   
We will immediately raise the alarm to all around us that we have lost a child and enlist the help of any bystanders to look for them.   
If it is a secure area such as a shopping centre, we will quickly alert the security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on any CCTV.   
We will provide everyone involved in the search with a description of the child.   
We will reassure the other children as they may be distressed.   
We will then alert the police and provide a full description.   
We will then alert the parents of the situation.   
We take precautions to avoid situations like this happening by implementing the following measures:   
Ensuring the children hold our hands or the pushchair whilst we are out.   
Avoid going to places that are overcrowded.   
On outings the children wear wristbands with our mobile number on them or if they find these uncomfortable we have keyrings which can be attached to belt loops or zip pulls   
We teach the children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers.

The front door and back gates are kept locked and children do not have access to the key