



Health and Safety Policy

Statement of Intent

The health, safety and wellbeing of children, staff and visitors within the setting is of the highest priority. We are committed to providing a safe, secure and healthy environment where children can learn and develop safely.

We follow the requirements of the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** and all relevant health and safety legislation. We take all reasonable steps to minimise risks and ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to protect everyone within the setting.

Safe Environment

We ensure that the premises and equipment used by children are safe and suitable for their age and stage of development.

We will:

- Maintain a safe indoor and outdoor environment
- Ensure toys and equipment are appropriate, safe and well maintained
- Keep all play areas clean and free from hazards
- Store dangerous items such as cleaning materials, medicines and sharp objects securely and out of children's reach
- Ensure electrical equipment is safe and regularly checked

Daily safety checks are carried out to identify and remove any hazards.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out regularly to ensure the environment and activities are safe for children.

These assessments include:

- Indoor play areas
- Outdoor play areas
- Equipment and toys
- Outings and trips
- Special activities

Risk assessments are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.

Supervision of Children

Children are supervised at all times to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Staff will:

- Maintain appropriate staff-to-child ratios in line with EYFS requirements
 - Ensure children are engaged in safe and suitable activities
 - Provide appropriate levels of supervision during indoor and outdoor play
 - Monitor children closely during activities that may present additional risk
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Fire Safety

We take fire safety seriously and have procedures in place in the event of a fire or emergency.

This includes:

- Smoke alarms installed and regularly tested
- Clear fire evacuation routes
- Fire drills practised regularly with children
- Easy access to exits at all times
- A designated assembly point outside the building

Children and staff will not return to the building until it is declared safe.

Accidents, Incidents and First Aid

We aim to prevent accidents through effective supervision and risk management.

If an accident occurs:

- First aid will be administered by a trained first aider
- The accident will be recorded in the accident record book
- Parents will be informed and asked to sign the record

Serious incidents will be reported to the relevant authorities where required.

A fully stocked first aid kit is kept on the premises and checked regularly.

Hygiene and Infection Control

High standards of hygiene are maintained to reduce the risk of illness and infection.

We will:

- Encourage regular hand washing for children and staff
 - Clean and disinfect toys, surfaces and equipment regularly
 - Follow safe food preparation procedures
 - Follow illness exclusion guidelines where necessary
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Food Safety

All food prepared or served within the setting will follow appropriate food safety standards.

We will:

- Maintain high hygiene standards during food preparation
 - Store food safely and check expiry dates
 - Be aware of children's allergies and dietary requirements
 - Ensure children wash their hands before eating
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Nappy Changing and Personal Care

Appropriate hygiene procedures are followed during nappy changing and personal care routines.

Staff will:

- Wear gloves and aprons where necessary

- Clean changing areas after each use
- Dispose of nappies safely
- Wash hands thoroughly after each change

Children's dignity and privacy will always be respected.

Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an important part of children's learning and development.

The outdoor environment will be checked regularly to ensure it is safe and suitable for children. Children will be supervised at all times during outdoor activities.

Outings

When outings take place, appropriate safety procedures will be followed.

This includes:

- Carrying out risk assessments
- Maintaining appropriate supervision ratios
- Carrying emergency contact details
- Taking a first aid kit and mobile phone

Parental permission will be obtained before outings take place.

Hazardous Substances (COSHH)

Cleaning products and any potentially hazardous substances are stored securely and out of children's reach.

These substances are used in accordance with safety guidelines and only by adults.

Visitors

All visitors to the setting will be supervised at all times and required to sign in and out.

Visitors will not be left alone with children unless appropriate checks have been carried out.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains effective and reflects current legislation and best practice.