

Health and safety

3.1 Risk assessment

Policy statement

This setting believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

The basis of this policy is risk assessment which incorporates the following criteria:

- Description of activity e.g. What is it and where will it be done?
- Identify possible hazards e.g. tripping, lost child etc.
- Establishing the level of risk using probability and severity factors.
- Action or arrangement to minimise risk.
- Monitoring and review - undertaken after the activity.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe		3.3 The learning environment 3.4 The wider context	

Procedures

- The Nursery is subject to a daily health and safety check. This is undertaken on a rota basis in order to avoid complacency. The criteria are reviewed on a termly basis and/or when an incident necessitates remedial action.

- The accident book is reviewed termly for re-occurring incidents. Action is taken where appropriate.
- Activities in addition to the regular routine are assessed by the Manager and or Deputy.
- An annual premises risk assessment is undertaken by the landlords, who also conduct monthly checks on fire safety equipment (smoke alarms).
- At least one member of staff has first-aid training.

Legal framework

- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992

Further guidance

- Five Steps to Risk Assessment (HSE 2006)
www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg163.pdf

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Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Risk Management in Early Years Settings (2007)