

Health and Safety

3.3 Fire safety and emergency evacuation

Policy Statement

The nursery recognises that fire is a major risk to the lives of its staff, children and members of the public who may visit. The loss of buildings and infrastructure due to fire also poses significant risks to the continuing education of the Children. We therefore, ensure that fire safety is a priority in all areas under our control. Where necessary we seek the advice of a competent person, such as a Fire Safety Consultant to assist us in our fire risk management.

EYFS key themes and commitments

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

Procedures

- The basis of fire safety is risk assessment. These are carried out by a 'competent person'.
- Fire doors are clearly marked, never obstructed and easily opened from the inside.
- Smoke detectors/alarms and fire-fighting appliances conform to BSEN standards, are fitted in appropriate high risk areas of the building and are regularly checked by the landlords.
- Our emergency evacuation procedures are approved by the Fire Safety Officer and are:
 - clearly displayed in the premises;
 - explained to new members of staff, volunteers and parents; and

- practised once a term at a minimum.
- Records are kept of fire drills.

Emergency evacuation procedure

This procedure is displayed on the the parent/carer notice board.

The fire drill record contains:

- Date and time of the drill.
- How long it took.
- Whether there were any problems that delayed evacuation.
- Any further action taken to improve the drill procedure.

Legal framework

- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2005/20051541.htm

Further guidance

- *Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Educational Premises* (HMG 2006)
www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/firesafetyrisk6

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