



Health and Safety Policy

I aim to ensure children are healthy and safe on my premises, in the garden and on outings.

Keeping children healthy and safe - EYFS requirement 3.54 - *Providers must ensure that their premises, including overall floor space and outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for and the activities provided on the premises. Providers must comply with requirements of health and safety legislation (including fire safety and hygiene requirements).*

I ensure my premises and outside areas are fit for purpose by carrying out regular risk assessments of all areas of provision including furniture, equipment and toys. I clean the house and garden regularly and check for debris or dangers throughout the day.

First aid - EYFS requirement 3.25 - *At least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.*

I am committed to keeping children safe - however, accidents do sometimes happen. I have up-to-date paediatric first aid certificate and the children are within my sight and / or hearing at all times. I risk assess constantly to help keep children safe and I teach them to do their own risk assessments (see below).

First aid box - EYFS requirement 3.50 - *Providers must ensure there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children. Providers must keep a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment. Providers must inform parents and/or carers of any accident or injury sustained by the child on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable, of any first aid treatment given.*

There is a first aid kit in the house and one for outings. The contents are suitable for children and are replaced after use or as required. I keep completed **Accident/Injuries Record** forms in each child's personal file and ask parents to complete an **Existing Injuries Record** if their child has had an injury at home.

Parents are asked to make themselves available on the same day (where possible) to read and sign accident and first aid records. I am aware of the requirement to notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury, or death to Ofsted within 14 days.

Risk assessment - EYFS requirement 3.64 - *Providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how they are managing risks. Risk assessments should identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised.*

I take children's safety seriously and risk assess first thing in the morning and constantly during the day, covering outside play, inside activities, outings etc. The house and garden are visually checked for risks and faulty equipment, furniture, broken or dangerous resources etc are removed from the play areas immediately. Children are taught to do their own risk assessments of the house and garden and are reminded about safety during outings.

Teaching children - I teach children about keeping themselves safe and taking measured risks. I plan regular activities linked to, for example, personal safety, stranger danger, staying safe online, being careful around animals and road and rail safety etc... through planned activities and spontaneous opportunities to talk about keeping safe.



Outings - EYFS requirement 3.65 - *Children must be kept safe while on outings. Providers must assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and must identify the steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards. The assessment must include consideration of adult to child ratios.*

Outings are risk assessed to ensure children are kept safe and I always work within my ratios. During outings, children might use large play equipment at parks or in soft play areas. These will be risk assessed first and children will be taught to inform an adult if they are worried about any aspect of the play areas.

Outings and first aid - EYFS requirement 3.25 - *At least one person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.*

I have a current paediatric first aid certificate and I accompany children on all outings.

Outside play – EYFS requirement 3.58 - *Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area or, if that is not possible, ensure that outdoor activities are planned and taken on a daily basis (unless circumstances make this inappropriate, for example unsafe weather conditions). Providers must follow their legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (for example, the provisions on reasonable adjustments).*

My garden is as safe as possible and risk assessed before, during and after each working day. It is set up to support all children's learning: resources and equipment are provided which promote children's learning and development. Parents are aware that it is a requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS, 2017) that I take their child outside every day apart from if there are unsafe weather conditions and are asked to provide appropriate clothing and spare clothes in case their child gets wet or muddy.

Garden equipment, resources etc is risk assessed before, during and after use to ensure it is safe for the ages and developmental stages of the children in the provision on the day.

Unsafe weather conditions might include storm warnings from the Environment Agency and very hot days when it is unsafe for children to stay in the sun for long periods. I use a weather app to check weather conditions every day and speak to parents about how I have supported their child's learning if I have not been able to offer them the opportunity to go outside.

Sun safety – I ask parents to provide sun cream for their child and parents will sign to state they have given me permission to apply it when completing my **Permission Form**.

Vehicles – EYFS requirement 3.66 - *Vehicles in which children are being transported, and the driver of those vehicles, must be adequately insured.*

I take children on outings in my car. I have insurance which covers me for transporting childminded children – parents and Ofsted are welcome to view my insurance document and other car paperwork at any time. There are appropriate car seats for the height and weight of children in the car (car seats are risk assessed for safety before each outing) and children are taught about being safe in the car and around other vehicles on outings.

Parents can ask to see my vehicle documents at any mutually convenient time. Copies of assistant vehicle documentation are also retained in the provision (if appropriate).

Public transport - at times, I might use public transport. I teach children to be safe around buses, trains and trams etc and I risk assess before and during each journey.



No smoking - EYFS requirement 3.56 - *Providers must not allow smoking in or on the premises when children are present or about to be present.*

I do not smoke and I am committed to protecting children from the dangers of smoke and smoky atmospheres. Smoking and equipment in any form is not allowed on the premises. Where possible I protect children from smoking on outings. I do not take the children into smoky environments and will avoid places that allow smoking if possible. I teach children about the dangers of tobacco and smoking in age appropriate ways.

Health and hygiene – EYFS requirement 3.60 - *Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies and providers should ensure that an adequate supply of clean bedding, towels, spare clothes and any other necessary items is always available.*

Nappy changing and toilet facilities can be inspected at any time: anti-bacterial cleaning products are used to keep them clean and children's hands are washed at appropriate times. Children are taught how to clean their hands effectively and I supervise them. Clean linen is available through the day and parents are asked to provide spare clothes for their child/ren.

Washing – generally, soiled clothes are bagged up for parents to take home. All linen and cloths used in the provision are washed at high temperatures using non-biological powder to reduce the risk of cross contamination and allergies.

Nappy changing – I wash my hands before and after nappy changing. Children are placed on a plastic mat which is cleaned with antibacterial wipes after each use. Privacy is considered when children's nappies are changed but I must also be able to supervise the other children in the provision effectively.

If you have any questions about my Policy/Procedures or would like to make any comments, please ask.