

## Physical Environment Policy



Our Pre-School is committed to providing children with a stimulating and safe environment. We will do all we can to make our settings welcoming and friendly to children, their parents/carers and any visitors.

The Pre-School is committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to the necessary facilities, activities and play opportunities for a broad and varied daily session (including children with special educational needs and/or disabilities).

All Pre-School staff are responsible for ensuring the premises are clean, well light, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature. Daily risk assessments are carried out, in accordance with the risk assessment policy.

The Pre-School will do all it can to maintain an open room layout, allowing children to choose from a variety of play opportunities. All children will have adequate space to play and interact freely.

No child will be allowed in the staffroom area at any time.

Staff will have access to a telephone at all times.

### Outdoor play

Any outdoor play will take place in safe, secure and well supervised spaces. Before any outdoor activities commence a thorough safety check and risk assessment will take place.

Outdoor play area will be well maintained. Ponds, drains, pools or any unnatural water will be made safe or inaccessible to children.

In the event of snow or ice on external walkways, staff will ensure that this is cleared and kept safe.

Staff will ensure the children have drinks regularly especially in hot weather. In such circumstances staff will also ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun. Parents will be asked to send in sunhats and to apply suntan lotion to their child before the Pre-School day starts and staff will support with applying top ups of suntan lotion and asking the children to wear sunhats. If it is really hot, then the children will be kept in the shade where possible.

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