

# Health and Safety

## 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.

- Identification of risk: Where is it and what is it?
- Who is at risk: Childcare staff, children, parents, cleaners etc?
- Assessment as to the level of risk as high, medium, low. This is both the risk of the likelihood of it happening, as well as the possible impact if it did.
- Control measures to reduce/eliminate risk.
- Monitoring and review.



### EYFS key themes and commitments

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

#### **Procedures**

- Our risk assessment process covers adults and children and includes:
  - checking for and noting hazards and risks indoors and outside, and in our premises and for activities:
  - assessing the level of risk and who might be affected;
  - deciding which areas need attention; and
  - developing an action plan that specifies the action required, the time-scales for action,
    the person responsible for the action and any funding required.
- Where more than five staff and volunteers are employed the risk assessment is written and is reviewed regularly.
- We maintain lists of health and safety issues (safety sweeps), which are checked daily before the session begins as well as those that are checked on a weekly and termly basis when a full risk assessment is carried out.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	
Held on	(date)
Date to be reviewed	(date)
Signed on behalf of the management	
committee	
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Role of signatory	