

22. Safety Outdoors

We understand the value of outdoor play. We ensure opportunities for the children to go outside are available during all sessions. Only the most incumbent of weather keeps us indoors. Outdoor play brings with it extra safety issues over and above those of indoors activity. The children's behaviour becomes more physical outside, with physical movement emphasised but not the sole activity.

Procedure

- Outdoor play area is risk assessed by the allocated member of staff.
- Area checked for glass and dangerous items.
- Adult to child ratios of 1 adult to every 8 children over 3 and 1 adult to every 4 children under 3 must always be maintained. A minimum of 2 adults must always be outside with the children.
- Respectful general behaviour is expected.
- Monitoring for trips, falls and other accidents is maintained at all times by as many practitioners as ratios allow.
- Children are dressed appropriately, ie. sunhats, coats, etc.
- Playground divider fence used for free-flow play is NOT to be erected during windy sessions.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre-school held on (Date)

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school: (Chairperson)