

# Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

## Supervision of children on outings and visits



### Policy statement

Children benefit from being taken out of the setting to go on visits or trips to local parks or other suitable venues for activities which enhance their learning experiences. Staff in our setting ensure that there are procedures to keep children safe on outings; all staff and volunteers are aware of and follow the procedures below.

### Procedures

- Parents sign a general consent on registration for their children to be taken out as a part of the daily activities of the setting.
- All off site activity has a clearly identified educational purpose with specific learning and development outcomes.
- There is a designated lead (detailed on the risk assessment) for each excursion who is clear about their responsibility as designated lead.
- This general consent details the venues used for daily activities.
- There is a risk assessment for each venue carried out, which is reviewed regularly.
- Parents are always asked to sign specific consent forms before major outings.
- A risk assessment is carried out before an outing takes place which is signed off by the Designated lead.
- Children with allergies have a separate risk assessment completed.
- All venue risk assessments are made available for parents to see.
- Our adult to child ratio is high, normally one adult to two children, depending on their age, sensibility and type of venue as well as how it is to be reached. They always ensure hands are held when on the street and crossing the road.
- Named children are assigned to individual staff to ensure each child is individually supervised, to ensure no child goes astray, and that there is no unauthorised access to children.
- We provide children with 'high viz' vests to wear that contain the name and setting telephone number – but not the name of the child.
- An excursion will not go ahead if concerns are raised about its viability at any point.

- Outings are recorded in an outings record book/register kept in the setting stating:
  - The date and time of outing.
  - The venue and mode of transport.
  - Names of staff assigned to named children.
  - Time of return.
  - Mobile contact number.
- Staff take a mobile phone on outings, and supplies of tissues, wipes, spare clothing, nappies, medicines required for individual children as well as a mini first aid pack, snacks and water. The amount of equipment will vary and be consistent with the venue and the number of children as well as how long they will be out for.
- Staff take a list of children with them with contact numbers of parents/carers, as well as an accident book and a copy of our Missing Child Policy.
- Records are kept of the vehicles used to transport children, with named drivers and appropriate insurance cover.
- A minimum of two staff should accompany children on outings and a minimum of two should remain behind with the rest of the children.

### COVID-19 Update

The Department for Education guidance states that: 'Settings should maximise use of outdoor space, while keeping small groups of children and staff away from other groups. Childminders and Early Years providers may take small groups of children to outdoor public spaces, for example parks, provided that a risk assessment demonstrates that they can stay 2 metres away from other people at all times. This should be restricted to small groups and should be done in line with wider government guidelines on the number of people who can meet in outdoor public spaces. Providers should not take larger groups of children to public outdoor spaces at one time.'

### **Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications:**

- Register and Outings Record (2012)
- Managing Risk (2009)

### **Authorisation & Review**

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Wroughton Preschool

Held on \_\_\_\_\_

Date to be reviewed

Yearly at AGM

Signed on behalf of the management  
committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Chairperson