

3.07 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. Some settings do not have direct access to outdoor provision on their premises and will need to take children out daily. 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 as laid out 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.
- 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.
- All venue risk assessments are made available for parents to see.
- Our adult to child ratio is high, and consideration will be given to the children depending on their age, sensibility and the type of venue, as well as how it is to be reached.
- Named children are assigned to individual staff to ensure that each child is well supervised, that no child goes astray and that there is no unauthorised access to children.
- Outings are recorded in an outings record book kept in the setting, stating:
 - The date and time of the outing.
 - The venue and mode of transport used.
 - The names of the staff members assigned to each of the children.
 - The time of return.
- Staff take a mobile phone on outings, as well as supplies of tissues, wipes, spare clothing and nappies, medicines required for individual children, a mini first aid kit, snacks and water if appropriate. 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.
- A minimum of two staff accompany children on outings and a minimum of two remain behind with the rest of the children.
- In the event of a serious accident while on an outing, a member of staff will accompany the child to hospital leaving other members of staff and adults to supervise the return to Preschool of the rest of the group. The Manager or Deputy Manager will be responsible for contacting the parents.

Date to be reviewed – by end of March 2023