



General Welfare Requirement:
Suitable Premises, environment and equipment
Outdoor and indoor spaces,
furniture and toys must be safe and suitable for their purpose.

Safety Checks

Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool we make sure the nursery is a safe environment for children, parents, staff and visitors by carrying out safety checks on a regular basis. These include daily checks of the premises, indoors and outdoors. The resources and equipment are continually checked for faults/damage. Any concerns are recorded and reported to the management team.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the fire safety, risk assessments, visits and outings and the equipment and resources policies. All staff should be aware of potential hazards in the nursery environment and monitor safety at all times.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments document the hazard, who could be harmed, existing controls, the seriousness of the risk/injury, any further action needed to control the risk, who is responsible for what action, when/how often will the action be undertaken, and how will this be monitored and checked and by whom. The nursery carries out written risk assessments annually. These are regularly reviewed and cover potential risks to children, staff and visitors at Birkdale.

When circumstances change within the nursery, when new equipment introduced, if a child or staff member have issues we review or conduct a new risk assessment.

All staff understand the risk assessment process
All outings away from the nursery are risk assessed

Electrical Equipment

All equipment including environment is checked daily and professional checks are completed at the correct intervals - please refer to the H&S file.

- All electrical cables are kept out of the reach of children wherever possible and shielded by furniture where they need to be at floor level.

- Electrical sockets are covered

Mains information

Nursery:

- WATER STOP TAP - Located in downstairs children's washroom end cubicle
 - GAS POINT - above back door
 - FUSE BOX - main reception
- MAIN ELECTRICITY BOX - main reception

Preschool:

- WATER STOP TAP - children's toilets
- GAS POINT - Cupboard in classroom
 - FUSE BOX - office
- ,MAIN ELECTRICITY BOX - office

Dangerous substances

All dangerous substances including chemicals **MUST** be kept in locked areas out of children's reach. All substances must be kept in their original containers with their original labels attached. When cleaning solutions are diluted for use, they must be diluted and labelled correctly and stored out of the reach of children. Safety Data Sheets (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health - COSH) and risk assessments must be kept for all substances and the appropriate PPE used if necessary.

Hot Drinks and Food

Hot drinks must only be consumed in the staff room or kitchen.

Transport and Outings

The nursery has a separate policy for outings and transport arrangements along with risk assessments too.

Room Temperatures

- Staff should be aware of room temperatures in the nursery and should ensure that they are suitable at all times and recorded on the appropriate sheet
 - There is a thermometer in each room to ensure this is monitored
- Staff must always be aware of the dangers of babies and young children being too warm and too cold.
- Temperatures should not fall below 18C in the baby rooms and 16C in all other areas
- Where fans or other means of cooling etc are being used care should be taken with regard to their positioning.

Water Supplies

- A fresh drinking supply is available and accessible to all children, staff and visitors
- All hot water taps accessible to children are thermostatically controlled to ensure that the temperature of the water does not exceed 40 C

Gas Appliances

- All gas appliances are checked
Carbon monoxide detectors are fitted

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