



General Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

8.3 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

- All off site activity has a clearly identified educational purpose with specific learning and development outcomes.
- There is a designated lead for each excursion who is clear about their responsibility as designated lead.
- Children with allergies or other specific needs have a separate risk assessment completed if necessary, i.e. child with allergies visiting a supermarket.
- Parents sign a general consent on registration for their children to be taken out as a part of the daily activities of the setting.
- This general consent details the venues used for daily activities.
- A risk assessment for each venue is carried out, which is reviewed regularly.
- Parents are always asked to sign specific consent forms before major outings.
- An excursion will not go ahead if concerns are raised about its viability at any point.
- Our adult to child ratio is high, depending on their age, sensibility and type of venue as well as how it is to be reached.



- 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.
- Outings are recorded and 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.
- Staff take a mobile phone on outings, and supplies of tissues, wipes as well as a mini first aid pack, snacks and water for longer outings. 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.
- 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.
- An excursion will not go ahead if concerns are raised about its viability at any point.
- A separate Forest school risk assessment is conducted and Forest School standard procedures are followed at all times. The designated lead is always a level 3 or above with a current paediatric first aid. Children are provided with badges and High Viz vests to wear. The badges contain the name of the preschool and mobile number.

Other publications

- Managing Risk (2009)

This policy was updated at a staff meeting of Rushmore House Montessori Preschool in March 2020.

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