

General Welfare Requirement: Suitable premises, environment and equipment

Risk Assessment

Policy Statement

This setting believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment

We aim to make children, parents and staff aware of health and safety issues and to minimise the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

The basis of this policy is risk assessment.;

- Identification of risk: where is it and what is it
- Who is at risk: Childcare staff, children, parents, cooks, cleaners, office staff
- Assessment as to the level of risk as high, medium, low.
- Control measures to reduce/eliminate risk: What will you need to do, or ensure others will do, in order to reduce that risk?
- Monitoring and review: How do you know if what you have said is working, or is thorough enough? If it is not working, it will need to be amended, or maybe there is a better solution.
- Covid-19 Risk assessments and protective measures.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
• Keeping safe		• The learning environment • The wider context	• Inclusive of AUC/PR/EE

The members of staff responsible for health and safety is **Carole Sale & Chris Farris**. They are competent to carry out these responsibilities. They have undertaken health and safety training and regularly update their knowledge and understanding. We display the necessary health and safety poster in the equipment cupboard.

Procedures

Our Health and Safety and fire risk assessment processes include:

- checking for hazards and risks indoors and outside, and in our activities and procedures. Our assessment covers adults and children;
- deciding which areas need attention; and
- developing an action plan that specifies the action required, the timescales for action, the person responsible for the action and any funding required.
- Where more than five staff and volunteers are employed the risk assessment is written and reviewed regularly.

We maintain lists of health and safety /Fire safety issues, which are checked:

- daily before the session begins;
- weekly; and
- termly as required and always Annually - when a full risk assessment is carried out.

Insurance cover

We have public liability insurance and employers' liability insurance. The certificate for public liability insurance is displayed in the foyer.

- Our designated person (a member of staff) who co-ordinates Health and Safety issues is **NICOLA RICE**
- Deputy:**CAROLE SALE/CHRIS FARRIS**
- Our designated Fire Warden (a member of staff) who co-ordinates fire safety issues is **NICOLA RICE/CAROLE SALE**

Legal Framework

- **Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992**
- **EYFS 2025**

Changes to Policy and Procedure

Any changes to this policy and any procedures may come into force following Government Guidance and Legislation changes to law or any new Legislation that the Government sees fit to implement. This includes any changes due to the Coronavirus Act 2020 and any subsequent Acts that will affect the Early Years Sector and our setting now or in future communication and changes.

Acts and legislation includes but is not exhaustive to:

Coronavirus Act 2020

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Guidance for educational settings

Early Years Foundation stage: Coronavirus Disapplications

Actions for Early Years and Childcare providers

This policy was adopted at a meeting of **Little Saints Pre-School**

Held on (date)

Signed on behalf of the CIO Trustees