

## **Safety**

The safety of young children is of paramount importance. In order to ensure the safety of both children and adults, the Nursery will ensure safety in the following areas:

### **Environment**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety Checks and risk assessments on premises both indoors and outdoors will be made every session.</li><li>• Outdoor space will be securely fenced.</li><li>• The layout and space ratios will allow children to move safely and freely between activities.</li><li>• There will be adequate systems and equipment for the detection and control of fire.</li><li>• Fire doors will never be obstructed and fire exits will be easily identifiable.</li><li>• All dangerous materials, including medicines and cleaning materials, will be stored out of reach of children.</li><li>• Large equipment will be erected with care and checked regularly.</li><li>• Internal safety gates/barriers will be used as necessary.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The gates to the main entrance are closed for activities where the children would use the car park area. Staff would always be in attendance at such times.</li><li>• Public space used for outdoor play will be checked for litter and other dangers</li><li>• Equipment will be checked regularly and any dangerous items repaired/discarded.</li><li>• Fires/heaters/electric points/wires and leads will be adequately guarded.</li><li>• A record will be kept of any checks by the Fire Safety officer and also of evacuation drills and servicing of fire equipment. Any recommendations by the Fire Safety officer (initiated through the Bexley Council who own the hall) will be carried out.</li><li>• Karen Lucas and Angela Hume have been on the Fire Marshall training course.</li><li>• Equipment offered to children will be developmentally appropriate, recognising that materials suitable for an older child may pose a risk to younger/less mature children.</li></ul>
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### **Supervision**

- All children will be supervised by adults at all times and will always be within sight of an adult.
- Children will leave the group only with authorised adults.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults will be present.
- Children will not have access to kitchens, cookers or any cupboards storing hazardous materials including matches.

### **Adult safety**

- An adult in the group, both staff and visitors, will be aware of and respect the group's safety policies.
- Adults in the group will have access to advice on safe handling.
- If adults need to reach up for stored equipment, they will be provided with something safe to stand on. Heavy materials will not be stored above head height.
- Adults will not be required to be in the building alone, or to leave alone after dark.