



Safety Checks in the nursery policy



Colwall CofE Primary School and Nursery

Our Christian Values as a key aspect in our Policies: **"Let your light shine"**



... in relationships, as we trust... in learning, as we encourage ourselves and others.



our curiosity.



... in the community, as we develop the courage to light the lives of others.

Sparkling Curiosity, Unleashing Potential



Outline

At Colwall CofE Primary School & Nursery we make sure the nursery is a safe environment for children, parents, staff and visitors by carrying out safety checks on a regular basis in accordance with the timescales set out in the nursery checklists. These include daily checks of the premises, indoors and outdoors, and all equipment and resources before the children access any of the areas. The checks are recorded to show any issues and solutions.

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 in nursery

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 at least annually. These are regularly reviewed and cover potential risks to children, staff and visitors at the nursery. When circumstances change in the nursery, e.g., a significant piece of equipment is introduced; we review our current risk assessment or conduct a new risk assessment dependent on the nature of this change.

All staff are trained in the risk assessment process to ensure understanding and compliance.

All outings away from the nursery are individually risk assessed. For more details refer to the visits and outings policy.



Hints and tips

Please refer to the Health and Safety Executive's 'Five Steps to Risk Assessment' for further support with the risk assessment process. The Five Steps to Risk Assessment publication and risk assessment templates can be downloaded from the Health and Safety Executive's website at www.hse.gov.uk

Electrical equipment

See whole school policies.

Mains information

See whole school policies.

Dangerous substances

See whole school policies related to substances.

Hot drinks and food in nursery

Hot drinks must only be consumed in the staff room or consumed using a safety cup. No canned drinks or sweets are to be kept or consumed in the nursery. In line with whole school policy.

Transport and outings

The nursery has a comprehensive documented policy relating to outings, which incorporates all aspects of health and safety procedures including the arrangements for transporting and the supervision of children when away from the nursery.

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 42°C.