

Seedlings Kindergarten

Health and Safety Policy Statement

The health and safety of the children in our care is paramount. We are therefore committed to following the health and safety procedures listed below.

Health and Safety Procedures

- We will do a risk assessment of the setting every morning before the children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for the children.
- All toys will be checked and cleaned regularly to ensure they are safe for your child to use.
- Any broken or hazardous toys will be removed immediately.
- Children will only be offered toys and resources that are suitable for their age/stage of development.
- Children are not allowed in the kitchen area at any time and the gate is kept bolted.
- The kitchen is kept clean, hygiene guidelines on the storing of food are followed and the fridge is kept at the correct temperature.
- We ensure that the children do not have access to any waste.
- Plug sockets are fitted with safety covers that the children cannot remove.
- All equipment is checked and cleaned regularly.
- The doors to the outside are locked after the children have arrived to prevent the children going out, or any unauthorised persons coming in.
- We have procedures in place in the event of a fire (see separate policy).
- The toilets are kept clean and all hazardous materials kept out of reach of the children.
- We ensure that children wash their hands before all snacks and meals and after using the toilet.
- We have strict child protection guidelines in place (see separate policy).
- We have emergency contact details with us at all times should we need to contact parents/guardians.
- We will work with you to help the children to make healthy food choices and to enjoy physical exercise.
- We will restrain a child if they are putting themselves or others in danger, for example running into a road or attacking another child.
- Smoking is not permitted on the premises.
- The use of mobile phones is not permitted on the premises, except for the kindergarten phone when appropriate.
- Staff are not permitted to work with children if their work is likely to be compromised by the taking of medication.

