

# 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.



