

Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

8.3 Supervision of children on outings and visits

Policy statement

Children benefit from being taken out of the setting to go on visits or trips to local parks or other suitable venues for activities which enhance their learning experiences. Staff in our setting ensure that there are procedures to keep children safe on outings; all staff and volunteers are aware of and follow the procedures below.

Procedures

- Parents sign a general consent on registration for their children to be taken out as a part of the daily activities of the setting.
- Parents are advised on the day that their child will be leaving the premises and can refuse permission at any time.
- Parents are always asked to sign specific consent forms before major outings.
- A risk assessment is carried out before an outing takes place.
- All risk assessments are made available for parents to see.
- Our adult to child ratio is high, normally one adult to two children, depending on their age, sensibility and type of venue as well as how it is to be reached.
- Named children are assigned to individual staff to ensure each child is individually supervised, to ensure no child goes astray, and that there is no unauthorised access to children.
- Outings are recorded in an outings record book kept in the setting stating:
 - The date and time of outing.
 - The venue and mode of transport.
 - Names of staff assigned to named children.
 - Time of return.
- Staff take a mobile phone on outings, and supplies of tissues, wipes, pants etc as well as a mini first aid pack, snacks and water. The amount of equipment will vary and be consistent with the venue and the number of children as well as how long they will be out for.
- Staff take a list of children with them with contact numbers of parents/carers, as well as an accident book and a copy of our Missing Child Policy where appropriate.

- Records are kept of the vehicles used to transport children (if necessary), with named drivers and appropriate insurance cover.
- A minimum of three staff should accompany children on outings and a minimum of three should remain behind with the rest of the children.

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications:

- Daily Register and Outings Record (2012)
- Managing Risk (2009)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Tiptree Preschool Playgroup	name of setting
Held on	<u>23rd October 2019</u>	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
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