



Little Monkeys Day Nursery & Pre School

Supervision of Children Policy

EYFS: 3.28

At Little Monkeys we aim to protect and support the welfare of the children in our care at all times. The management team is responsible for all staff, students and relief staff receiving information on health and safety in the nursery to supervise the children in their care suitably.

All staff are trained in ongoing risk assessment and make decisions on a day to day basis about the supervision of the children under their care according to their age and abilities.

Supervision:

- When children are going downstairs a member of staff will be in front of them by no more than two steps of any child. When the children are going upstairs the member of staff will be behind them by no more than two steps. one member of staff will supervise the legal ratio on the stairs at one time. Children will NEVER be on the stairs unsupervised or without a member of staff in front of them on the way down and behind them on the way up.
- Whether children are in or out of the building, we ensure that children are supervised adequately at all times.
- Be aware that children can drown in only a few centimetres of water; children must be fully supervised at all times when using water play/paddling pools
- Special care should be taken when children are using large apparatus e.g. a climbing frame.
- A member of staff must supervise large outdoor play equipment at all times
- When on visits/outdoors, staff must be aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants
- Children must be supervised at all times when eating; toddlers and babies should be closely monitored. Babies will never be left alone with a bottle and will always be bottle fed by a member of staff

- Sleeping babies/children will be supervised and not left unattended
- Babies/children will never be left unattended during nappy changing times
- Children must be carefully supervised when using scissors or tools
- Children must be carefully supervised when using knives for cooking activities
- During outings staff: child ratios will be increased to ensure supervision and safety (please refer to Outings policy)
- If the nursery has hired a bouncy castle for the day then STRICT safety guidelines should be followed as laid down by the hiring company. A member of staff MUST supervise the children at all times. Full risk assessments are completed before allowing children on to any hired equipment.
- Little Monkeys Day Nursery and Pre School constantly review supervision of children, when accidents forms are brought to management they're checked that supervision of children was to the highest standard.

This policy was adopted on:

June 2018

Signed on behalf of the nursery:

Laura Fradsham

Date for review:

June 2019
