



All Saints Nursery School

Outdoors Procedure

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- All gates and fences are childproof, safe, and secure
- Areas are checked daily to make sure animal droppings, litter, glass etc. is removed. Staff wear rubber gloves to do this
- Bushes or overhanging trees are checked to ensure they do not bear poisonous berries
- Stinging nettles and brambles are removed
- Safety mats are provided under climbing equipment, even when on grass
- Wooden equipment is maintained safely, put away daily and not used if broken
- Wooden equipment is sanded and varnished as required
- Broken climbing equipment or outdoor toys are removed and reported to the setting manager
- Children are always supervised within ratios outside
- Children are suitably attired for the weather conditions and type of outdoor activities
- Sun cream (if parents have given permission) is applied and hats are worn during the summer months. Outdoor play is avoided in extreme heat between noon and 3pm
- Children who have no adequate means of sun protection, such as hat, long sleeves and trousers or sun cream, will not be able to play outdoors in un-shaded areas
- Children are supervised on climbing equipment, especially younger children
- Water play is not left out but is cleared, cleaned and stored after each use
- Receptacles are left upturned to prevent collection of rainwater, this is important in areas where there are vermin to prevent urine/faeces contaminating the water
- Sightings of vermin are recorded and reported to the manager who reports to the Environmental Health's Pest Control Department
- Outdoor areas that have flooded are not used until cleaned down and restored. Grassed areas are not played on for at least one week after the floodwater has gone
- If paddling pools are used, a risk assessment is conducted, and consideration given to the needs of disabled children or those less ambulant

Drones

If there are concerns about a 'drone' being flown over the outdoor area, that may compromise children's safety or privacy, the setting manager will contact the police on 101

- Children will be brought inside immediately
- Parents will be informed that a Drone has been spotted flying over the outdoor area and will be advised fully of the actions taken by the setting

- The police will have their own procedures to follow and will act accordingly
- If at any point following the incident, photographs taken by a drone emerge on social media that could identify the nursery or individual children, these are reported to the police
- A record is completed in the Notifiable Incident Record unless there is reason to believe that the incident might have safeguarding implications, for example:
 - the drone has hovered specifically over the outdoor area for any length of time
 - there is a likelihood that images of the children have been recorded
 - is spotted on more than one occasion
 - if the Police believe there is cause for concern

Where this is the case, 06 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults' procedures are followed

Further guidance

Reportable Incident Record (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2015)