



Risk Assessment Policy

The nursery seeks to balance the importance of risk assessment for the safety of the children but not to be risk adverse. The children are encouraged to be independent and develop their own awareness of danger and what is safe. This statement underpins the Nursery Policy to risk assessment.

Risk assessments fall into three categories:

Daily, individual and specific.

Daily risk assessments are made of the indoor and outdoor learning environment. These are signed each day and any concerns noted and all staff informed. The Nursery Manager is informed, and appropriate action taken.

If necessary, an individual risk assessment will be written. Examples of individual written risk assessments:

Issues over the perimeter fence

Supervision of children by the new apprentice

Risk assessments are also made in relation to the challenges individual children with significant additional needs may present.

Specific risk assessments include outings and visits.

Issues such as the handling of scissors are discussed with the children at group time and the children are given the opportunity to practise safe handling. Children are encouraged to manage their own risk as they play, such as is it safe to jump or are there other people in the way. Is it safe to climb up the slide when other children are sliding down?

The nursery staff discuss with each other any issues of safety on a daily basis and at Nursery Team meetings and where necessary strategies are put in place immediately to either remove or minimise the risk.