

Health and safety procedures

1.3 Outdoors

- All gates and fences are childproof, safe, and secure.
- Staff are in sight of the back gate when in the garden
- Areas are checked daily to make sure animal droppings, litter, glass etc. is removed.
- Bushes or overhanging trees are checked to ensure they do not bear poisonous berries.
- Stinging nettles and brambles are removed.
- Safety mats are provided
- Equipment is maintained safely, put away daily and not used if broken.
- Broken climbing equipment or outdoor toys are removed and reported to a 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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, safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults procedures are followed.