



Safeguarding Children: Health and Safety

Policy statement

Every child deserves the best start in life, with the opportunity to develop in an environment both safe and secure. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) safeguarding and welfare requirement contains statutory guidance in the framework that provides this assurance and all the providers must practice this specific welfare requirement.

Health and safety law does not expect all risk to be eliminated but that 'reasonable precautions' are taken and all members of staff are trained and aware of their responsibilities. This is particularly important in an early years setting, as children should be able to grow, develop and take appropriate risks through physically challenging play. Children must have the opportunity and be encouraged to work out what is not safe and what they should do when faced with risk.

Village Montessori Nursery School is aware that keeping children safe and healthy is of paramount importance, all members of staff understand that it is their responsibility and will have a 'can-do attitude', when needed they will use their simple common sense to make a the right decision.

Public Liability details

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Health and Safety Coordinator

Name of the member of staff responsible for health and safety is: **Kwai Fong Purchase**

Procedures and Protocol:

- The health and safety coordinator name will be written on the Health and Safety poster display inside the classroom.
- The health and safety coordinator has undertaken health and safety training and will regularly update her knowledge and understanding in this area and cascade to the other members of staff in the setting
- He/she is competent to carry out these responsibilities
- The health and safety coordinator will conduct a risk assessment regularly with all members of staff and identify aspects of the environment that must be checked and decide

what should be done to prevent risk, and ensure that the relevant actions are taken and are updated in the risk assessment whenever necessary.

- The health and safety coordinator will ensure that all members of staff understand what they need to do and are confident to act quickly and competently during an emergency situation, hence all members of staff should undertake practices in particular emergency evacuation (fire drill), manual handling and emergency lockdown (incident of threat from intruder or armed suspect)
- The health and safety coordinator ensures all new members of staff have the opportunity to read and understand all the risk assessment relating to health and safety as part of their induction training
- To ensure the environment is clean and safe, all members of staff conduct daily opening and closing 'sweep tasks', this includes checking and cleaning equipment and premises, then keep records on the setting 'Daily Task Rota'
- All members of staff will identify and report any hazards and faulty equipment to the health and safety coordinator

Useful links:

- *Health and Safety Law: What you Should Know (HSE 1999)*
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/law>
- *Health and Safety Regulation...a Short Guide (HSE 2003)*
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13>
- Electrical Safety and You (HSE 1998)
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg231>
- COSHH: A Brief Guide to the Regulations (HSE 2005)
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg136>.
- Manual Handling – Frequently Asked Questions (HSE)
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/manualhandling>

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