

RISK ASSESSMENT

It is my policy to keep children safe by assessing any risks to their safety whilst allowing them the opportunity to take measured risks to support their learning and development.

Procedure (how I put the statement into practice)

In order to do this I will ensure that:

I check my home and garden every morning before the minded children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for the children to play in. I will also ensure that all aspects meet current COVID-19 Government guidance.

I risk assess any environment that I take the children into, for example, walking to and from school; the park, etc. If I am planning to take the children into environments that are unknown to me, I will aim to do a risk assessment in advance so I am aware of any potential hazards. In line with current COVID-19 guidance I am currently limiting access to areas away from my setting. Any essential trips, for example, school pick-up, will be assessed to minimise the risk of infection, e.g. following the school's safety measures and walking to and from school. We will be taking regular walks and having trips to the park which will contribute towards children's physical and mental health and well-being.

I assess any risks and hazards when using transport and take action when necessary to minimise any accidents or incidents.

Where appropriate, I have written risk assessments. These detail:

- the environment to be checked
- the hazards
- who might be harmed and how
- what safety measures/precautions I am taking
- what further action is required
- frequency of checks

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I also include a review date and review when there is a significant change in my setting.

My activities will be well planned and organised. I will plan for the unique needs of each child depending on their age and stage of development, allowing children the freedom to play and explore, develop concepts and learn how to predict and avoid dangerous situations.

This policy also links with my Accident and Emergency procedures, Health and Safety, and Outings policy.

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I have read and understand the Risk Assessment Policy.

Childminder's name	
Childminder's signature	
Date	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

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This policy is due for review on the following date	27 th February 2022