



The Barn Nursery and Preschool
Health and Safety General Standards

Statement of Intent

Our setting believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers.

We operate a no-smoking policy.

We aim to make children, parents, staff and volunteers aware of health and safety issues and to minimise the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

The Designated Person for health and safety is: Louisa Minas

Insurance Cover

We have public liability insurance and employer's liability insurance. The certificate for public liability is displayed on the notice board in the entrance hall.

Illness and Accident - First Aid and Medication

The Barn Nursery has two members of staff trained as first aiders who are on the premises at all times during nursery hours with valid certificates.

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations. It is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children. This is checked regularly to ensure it is fully stocked and in date.

At the time of admission parents sign a consent form (Medical Card) giving staff permission to treat a child in case of an emergency.

Accident Record Book

Is kept safely and is accessible. All staff know where it is kept and know how to complete it. Accidents will be recorded and signed by the parents or carer. A copy will be given to the parent or carer and a copy will be put in the child's file.

Sickness

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents. This includes procedures for contacting parent - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while at the setting.

We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or who have an infectious disease.

After a case of diarrhoea and sickness has finished the child must stay away for a further two days (48 hrs).

Administration of Medication

Only prescribed medication may be administered. It must be in-date and prescribed for the current condition. Children taking prescribed medication must be well enough to attend the setting. Parents give prior written permission for the administration of medication. The administration is recorded.

Outdoor Area

Our outdoor area is securely fenced.

Our outdoor area is checked for safety and cleared of debris before it is used.

Our outdoor sandpit is covered when not in use and is cleaned regularly.

All outdoor activities are supervised at all times.

Hygiene

We access information to ensure that we keep up to date with the latest recommendations.

Our daily routines encourage the children to learn about personal hygiene.

We have a daily cleaning routine for the setting, which includes the halls, kitchen and toilets and a cleaner who comes in every day.

We have a separate area (disabled toilet) for nappy changing and disposal facilities for nappies.

We implement good hygiene practices by:

- cleaning tables between activities;
- cleaning and checking toilets regularly;
- wearing protective clothing - such as aprons and disposable gloves - as appropriate;
- providing sets of clean clothes;
- providing tissues and wipes.

Activities and Resources

Equipment and resources are checked to ensure that they are safe for the ages and stages of the children currently attending the setting.

The layout of play equipment allows adults and children to move safely and freely between activities.

All equipment is regularly checked for cleanliness and safety, and any dangerous items are repaired or discarded.

All materials, including paint and glue, are non-toxic.

Sand is clean and suitable for children's play.

Physical play is constantly supervised.

Children are taught to handle and store tools safely.

Children learn about health, safety and personal hygiene through the activities we provide and the routines we follow.

Any faulty equipment is removed from use and is repaired. If it cannot be repaired it is discarded.

This policy was adopted by

The Barn Nursery

On

September 5th 2021

Date to be reviewed

September 2022

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director
or owner)