

General Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment.

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

8.2 Maintaining children's safety and security on premises

Policy statement

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

Procedures

Children's personal safety

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records by an enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own. Where 1:1 requires lone supervision e.g. outside, adults are provided with a whistle to use in emergencies or if they need assistance.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessment to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

Security

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults - staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Managing Risk (2009)

This policy was adopted/reviewed at a meeting of	Little Acorns	(name of provider)
Held on	<u>24th February 2021</u>	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
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