

Aclet Close Nursery School

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

Providers must have a clear and well-understood policy, and procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly

Risk assessment

Policy Statement

We believe that health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

This policy is based on risk assessment processes, which follow five steps as follows:

- Identification of a risk: Where is it and what is it?
- Who is at risk: children, staff, parents, volunteers, visitors
- Assessment as to whether the level of risk is high, medium or low. This takes into account both the likelihood of it happening, as well as the possible impact if it did.
- Control measures to reduce/eliminate risk: What do we need to do, or ensure others do, in order to reduce risk?
- Monitoring and review: How do we know if what we have said is working, or is thorough enough? If it is not working, it will have to be amended, or maybe there is a better solution.

Procedures

- Our risk assessment process covers adults and children and includes:
 - Determining where it is helpful to make some written risk assessments in relation to specific issues, to inform staff practice, and to demonstrate how we are managing risks if asked by parents and/or carers and inspectors

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