



Risk Assessment

Policy statement

This 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 by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

The basis of this policy is risk assessment. Risk assessment processes follow the five steps as follows:

- Identification of risk: Where is it and what is it?
- Who is at risk: Childcare staff, children, parents, cleaners, volunteers, students on placement etc.
- Assessment as to the level of risk as high, medium, low. This is both the risk of the likelihood of it happening, as well as the possible impact of it.
- Control measures to reduce/eliminate risk: What will you need to do, or ensure others will do, in order to reduce that risk?
- Monitoring and review: How do you know if what you have said is working, or is through enough? If it is not working, it will need to be amended, or maybe there is a better solution.

EYFS key themes and commitments

Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe		3.3 The learning environment 3.4 The wider context	

Procedures

Our risk assessment process covers adults and children includes:

- Checking for and noting hazards and risks indoors and outside; and in our premises and for activities,
 - Assessing the level of risk and who might be affected,
 - Deciding which areas need attention; and
 - Developing an action plan that specifies the action required, the time-scales for action, the person responsible for the action and any funding required.
- We maintain lists of health and safety issues, which are checked daily before the session begins as well as those that are checked on a weekly and termly basis when a full risk assessment is carried out.

Legal Framework

- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Acorns Pre-School. Held on

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory:

Role of signatory: