

Overall Approach to Risk Assessment

At Little Dragon's Day Nursery, we promote the safety of children, parents, staff and visitors by reviewing and reducing any risks.

Risk assessments

Risk assessments document the hazards/aspects of the environment that needs to be checked on a regular basis, who could be harmed, existing controls, the seriousness of the risk/injury, any further action needed to control the risk, who is responsible for what action, when/how often will the action be undertaken, and how this will be monitored and checked and by whom.

The nursery carries out written risk assessments regularly (at least annually). These are regularly reviewed and cover potential risks to children, staff and visitors at the nursery. When circumstances change in the nursery, e.g. a significant piece of equipment is introduced; we review our current risk assessment or conduct a new risk assessment dependent on the nature of this change.

All staff are trained in the risk assessment process to ensure understanding and compliance. Staff will also conduct Dynamic Risk Assessments whereby they are always assessing risk/potential hazards and acting on them immediately as part of their daily role. At Little Dragon's, we also encourage the children to be involved in our Dynamic Risk Assessment as this promotes skills that will enable them to manage their own risk to keep themselves safe.

All outings away from the nursery are individually risk assessed and includes a visits and outings information sheet (which is checked by the duty manager), and adequately staffed with paediatric first aid trained practitioners. For more details refer to the Visits and Outings Policy.

Hints and tips

Please refer to the Health and Safety Executive's 'Five Steps to Risk Assessment'

www.hse.gov.uk/risk/fivesteps.htm for further support with the risk assessment process. The Five Steps to Risk Assessment publication and risk assessment templates can be downloaded from the Health and Safety Executive's website at www.hse.gov.uk

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