



Health & Safety Statement

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At Briar Dene Childcare, the health, safety, and well-being of all children, staff, and visitors are our top priority. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment where children can grow, learn, and play. Our goal is to ensure that all activities within our nursery are conducted in a way that minimises risks and promotes a positive, healthy experience for everyone involved.

General Health and Safety Responsibilities

- We will ensure that all staff are properly trained in health and safety procedures, including first aid, fire safety, and safeguarding.
- All staff will be aware of and follow the nursery's policies regarding child protection, risk assessments, and emergency procedures.
- The premises will be regularly inspected to ensure that they meet safety standards, and any potential hazards will be addressed immediately.

Safe Environment

- Our premises will be maintained to ensure that all areas are clean, safe, and child friendly. This includes secure fencing, safe playground equipment, and appropriate lighting.
- All equipment, toys, and materials used by children will be checked regularly for safety and hygiene. Any damaged or unsafe items will be immediately removed or repaired.
- Safety measures, such as non-slip flooring, soft play areas, and child-proofed furniture, will be in place to minimise accidents.

Health and Hygiene

- We will implement and maintain rigorous hygiene procedures, including regular handwashing, disinfecting toys and surfaces, and ensuring that children have access to clean and sanitary toilet facilities.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, especially before eating and after using the toilet.
- A strict policy on the exclusion of sick children will be followed to prevent the spread of illness. Parents will be asked to keep children home if they are unwell to protect the health of others.

Risk Assessments and Emergency Procedures

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- Risk assessments will be carried out regularly for all areas and activities, including outdoor play, field trips, and special events, and appropriate measures will be taken to reduce identified risks.
- Clear emergency procedures, including evacuation plans, fire drills, and procedures for dealing with medical emergencies, will be in place. These procedures will be practiced regularly.
- A first aid kit will be readily available and regularly stocked, and designated staff members will be trained in first aid and CPR.

Accident and Incident Reporting

- All accidents, incidents, and near-misses will be promptly reported and documented. Parents will be notified of any incidents involving their child.
- A clear and accessible system for reporting and investigating any safety concerns will be maintained, and any necessary corrective actions will be taken.

Staff Training and Development

- All staff will receive ongoing health and safety training, including child safeguarding, first aid, fire safety, and behaviour management.
- New staff will undergo an induction process covering all health and safety policies and procedures before working with children.

Parent and Visitor Safety

- Visitors to the nursery will be required to sign in and wear identification lanyards to ensure their presence is recorded and monitored.
- Parents and guardians will be encouraged to communicate any health concerns, allergies, or special needs that their child may have to ensure appropriate care and attention.

By adhering to these health and safety practices, we aim to provide a nurturing, secure, and fun environment where children can thrive. Our commitment to safety is ongoing, and we continuously review and improve our practices to ensure the highest standards.

Review of Policy:

This policy will be reviewed annually (September 2025), or as needed, to ensure that it remains relevant and effective in meeting the evolving needs of the children, families, and staff within the nursery.

Name:	Position:	Signed:	Date:
David Birkbeck	Owner		
Kayleigh Tydd	Director		
Greg Bamber	Nominated Individual		
Zoe Tydd	Manager & DSL		
Abbie Lloyd	Deputy Manager		
Jade Radcliffe	Second Deputy Manager		
Pamela Lear	Practitioner		
Diane Jones	Practitioner		
Emily Gautrey	Practitioner		