

# *Physical Environment Policy*

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**During this period (Autumn/Winter 2020) our learning environment has changed to reflect the need for added safety, hygiene and to meet government guidelines.**

In Pre-school we aim to ensure that the premises are safe, secure and suitable. That it is a welcoming environment with enough space to provide a full range of activities to promote children's development.

We will ensure the following:

- Pre-school is made welcoming and friendly to children and parents.
- Pre-school is clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.
- There is access to a telephone on the premises.
- Rooms are maintained at an adequate temperature.
- There is adequate storage space for equipment.
- Pre-school is operating within local planning and building control requirements.
- Ofsted is notified of any significant changes or events relating to the premises.

## **Classroom layout changes (Autumn/Winter 2020):**

- **Access to resources will be limited to avoid cross contamination**
- **Any shared resources will be kept within smaller groups and cleaned in between use**
- **Pre-laid out tables will allow social distancing measures for seated activities**
- **No home resources will be sent out with children**
- **Windows and the door to the preschool playground will remain open to ensure adequate ventilation is provided**

### Indoor Play Area

The following space standards represent minimum space per child.

Age	Square Mtrs.
under 2	3.5
2 years	2.5
3-5 years	2.3

Provision is made for a quiet area where children can relax or play quietly.

The play areas are large enough to allow children free movement with well spread out activities.

### Outdoor Play Area

The outdoor play area will be safe, secure and well maintained.

### Toilet Area

There will be a limit of 1 child in the toilet area at a time. Hand washing will be supervised and children encouraged to wash hands for two minutes using the 'happy birthday' song that they are well versed in from previous sessions.

### Kitchen

Children do not have access to the Kitchen area unless supervised by an adult.