



Supervision of children on outings and visits

Policy statement

Children benefit from being taken out of the setting to go on visits or trips to local parks or other suitable venues for activities which enhance their learning experiences. Some settings do not have direct access to outdoor provision on their premises and will need to take children out daily. Staff in our setting ensure that there are procedures to keep children safe on outings; all staff and volunteers are aware of and follow the procedures below.

Procedures

- Parents sign a general consent on registration for their children to be taken out as a part of the daily activities of the setting.
- This general consent details the venues used for daily activities, such as Library, Kendal park, Harbour Club.
- A risk assessment for each venue is carried out, which is reviewed regularly.
- Parents are always asked to sign specific consent forms before major outings.
- A risk assessment is carried out before an outing takes place.
- All venue risk assessments are made available for parents to see upon request.
- Our adult to child ratio is high, normally one adult to three children, depending on their age, sensibility and type of venue as well as how it is to be reached.
- Named children are assigned to individual staff to ensure each child is individually supervised, to ensure no child goes astray, and that there is no unauthorised access to children.
- Outings are recorded in an outings record folder kept in the setting stating:
 - The date and time of outing.
 - The venue and mode of transport.
 - Names of staff assigned to named children.
 - Time of return.
- Staff take a mobile phone on outings, and supplies of tissues, wipes, pants etc as well as a mini first aid pack, snacks and water. The amount of equipment will vary and be consistent with the venue and the number of children as well as how long they will be out for.

- We take a list of children with them with contact numbers of parents/carers.
- Records are kept of the vehicles used to transport children, with named drivers and appropriate insurance cover.
- As a minimum two staff should accompany children on outings and a minimum of two should remain behind with the rest of the children as long as ratios are still met, with at least one staff member being a level 3 or above in both cases. The number of children attending the outing is at the discretion of the settings Manager. However parent helpers may be involved in some outings such as the Harbour club which is on site.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of (name of setting)

Held on (date)

Date to be reviewed

Signed by

Name of Signatory

Role of Signatory (ie manager)

