

Severn Beach Preschool

Risk Assessment Policy

Severn Beach Preschool believes that the health and safety of children is very important. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents/carers, staff and visitors by assessing and minimising the hazards and the risks to enable children to develop and explore in a healthy and safe environment.

Our risk assessment policy is based on the five Pre-School Alliance risk assessment process:

- Identification of risk. Where is it? What is it?
- Who is at risk?
- Assessment as to the level of risk – high, medium, low.
- Control measures to reduce/eliminate the risk.
- Monitoring and reviewing.

Procedures

Our risk assessment process covers adults and children and includes:

- Checking for and noting hazards and risks indoors and outdoors, activities and resources.
- Assessing the level of risk and who might be affected.
- Deciding which areas need additional attention.
- We maintain lists of health and safety issues that are checked daily before the session begins.
- We carry out a full risk assessment every twelve months or as changes or incidents occur.
- Risk assessments are also carried out for outings, beach school and forest skills. Also for when we have student placements in from school.
- Children are encouraged to manager their own risks too, for example asking - “is that safe?” Or “What do we do to keep ourselves safe when we are litter picking?”