

# Bow Lane Pre-school

**The Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment**

Outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture and toys must be safe and suitable for their purpose.

## Safety

### 8.5 Recording and reporting of accidents and incidents

(Including procedure for reporting to HSE, RIDDOR)

#### Policy Statement

We follow the guidelines of the Reporting Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences (RIDDOR) for the reporting of accidents and incidents as well Merton Local Authority's guidelines. Child protection matters or behavioural incidents between children are NOT regarded as incidents and there are separate procedures for this.

#### EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.4 The wider context	

#### Procedures

*Our daily accident book:*

- is kept safely and accessibly;
- is accessible to all staff and volunteers, who know how to complete it; and
- is reviewed at least termly to identify any potential or actual hazards.

When there is any injury requiring hospital treatment to a child, parent, volunteer or visitor or where there is a death of a child or adult on the premises, we make a report to the Health and Safety Executive using the format for the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences. (see our RIDDOR reporting book). We also follow the procedures as set down in

Merton's Local Authority 'In case of serious incident or accident' guidelines. This procedure is kept in our 'office trolley' under the heading 'Policies'. The contact numbers are displayed on the parent notice board.

### *Dealing with incidents*

We meet our legal requirements for the safety of our employees by complying with RIDDOR. We report to the Health and Safety Executive:

- any accident to a member of staff requiring treatment by a general practitioner or hospital; and
- any dangerous occurrences. This may be an event that causes injury or fatalities or an event that does not cause an accident but could have done, such as a gas leak.
- Any dangerous occurrence is recorded in our incident book. See below.

Information for reporting the incident to Health and Safety Officer is detailed in the Pre-school Learning Alliance's *Accident Record* publication.

### *Our incident book*

- We have ready access to telephone numbers for emergency services, including local police. As we rent the premises we have access to the person responsible and there is a shared procedure for dealing with emergencies.
- We keep an incident book for recording incidents including those that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive as above.
- These incidents include:
  - break in, burglary, theft of personal or the setting's property;
  - an intruder gaining unauthorised access to the premises;
  - fire, flood, gas leak or electrical failure;
  - attack on member of staff or parent on the premises or nearby;
  - any racist incident involving staff or family on the centre's premises;
  - death of a child, and
  - a terrorist attack, or threat of one.
- In the incident book we record the date and time of the incident, nature of the event, who was affected, what was done about it - or if it was reported to the police, and if so a crime number. Any follow up, or insurance claim made, should also be recorded.
- In the unlikely event of a terrorist attack we follow the advice of the emergency services with regard to evacuation, medical aid and contacting children's families. Our standard Emergency evacuation Policy will be followed and staff will take charge of the children. The incident is recorded when the threat is averted.

- In the unlikely event of a child dying on the premises, or any other means involving an older child, the emergency services are called, and the advice of these services are followed.
- The incident book is not for recording issues of concern involving a child. This is recorded in the child's own file.

### Common Inspection Framework

- As required under the *Common Inspection Framework*, we maintain a summary record of all accidents, exclusions, children taken off roll, incidents of poor behaviour and discrimination, including racist incidents, and complaints and resolutions.

### Legal framework

- Common Inspection Framework: Education, Skills and Early Years (Ofsted 2015)
- Early Years Inspection Handbook (Ofsted 2015)
- RIDDOR Guidance and Reporting Form: [www.hse.gov.uk/riddor](http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor)

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