

FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION

See Appendix: Fire Risk Assessment.

- The basis of fire safety is risk assessment. These are carried out by Preschool staff and checked by the Preschool Manager.
- Settings in rented premises will ensure that they have an electronic copy of the fire safety risk assessment.
- Fire doors are clearly marked, never obstructed and easily opened from the inside.
- Smoke detectors/alarms and fire-fighting appliances conform to BSEN standards, are fitted in appropriate high risk areas of the building and are checked as specified by the manufacturer.
- Our emergency evacuation procedures are approved by the Fire Safety Officer and are:
- clearly displayed in the premises;
- explained to new members of staff, volunteers and parents; and
- practised regularly at least once every six weeks.
- Records are kept of fire drills and the servicing of fire safety equipment.

Emergency evacuation procedure

The evacuation procedure covers procedures relevant for practice drills including:

- How children are familiar with the sound of the fire alarm.
- How the children staff and parents know where the fire exits are.
- How children are led from the building to the assembly point.
- How they will be accounted for and who by.
- How long it takes to get the children out safely.
- Who calls the emergency services and when in the event of a real fire.
- How parents are contacted.

The fire drill record book must contain:

- Date and time of the drill.
- How long it took.
- Whether there were any problems that delayed evacuation.
- Any further action taken to improve the drill procedure.