



Physical Environment

Our Nursery is committed to providing children with a stimulating and safe environment. We will do all we can to make our premises welcoming and friendly to children, their parents/carers and any other visitors.

The Nursery's premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for its purpose. The environment and atmosphere of the Nursery are welcoming to children and offer access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied play experience.

The Nursery is committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to facilities, activities and play opportunities. (See the Equality and Diversity Policy).

The Nursery's premises comply with all the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and all other relevant regulations and guidance.

The Committee and Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Nursery's premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature. Daily risk assessments are carried out, in accordance with the Risk Assessment policy, to ensure that the facilities are maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.

During opening hours, the premises are used by and solely available to the Nursery, All Stars, its staff and the children, as far as this is possible.

The Nursery will do all it can to maintain an open room layout, allowing children to choose from a variety of play opportunities. All children will have adequate space to play and interact freely (a minimum of 2.3 square metres space per child).

There is adequate space for storing the Nursery's equipment safely and securely.

No child will be left unsupervised in the kitchen area.

Members of staff will have access to a telephone on the Nursery's premises at all times.

Outdoor Play

Any outdoor play will take place in safe secure and well-supervised spaces. Before any outdoor activities commence, a thorough safety check and risk assessment will take place.

Outdoor play areas will be well maintained. Drains and pools water will be made safe or inaccessible to children, unless used as part of the Nursery's activities. This will be risk assessed and supervised at all times..

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:

..... Chairperson

This policy was updated by the Manager and staff and will be updated annually.
Next due to be updated: September 2020

“Horspath Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, families and staff at all times.”