



Overall Approach to Risk Assessment

We refer to the Health and Safety Executive's 'Five Steps to Risk Assessment' <https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/index.htm> for guidance and support with the risk assessment process.

At Brentwood Day Nursery we take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in our care are not exposed to risks. We promote the safety of children, parents, staff and visitors by reviewing and reducing any risks.

Risk assessments

Risk assessments document the hazards or aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis. These include who could be harmed, existing controls, the seriousness of the risk or possible injury, any further action needed to control the risk, who is responsible for what action, when and how often the action will be undertaken, and how this will be monitored, checked and by whom.

The nursery carries out a full written risk assessments of all areas, equipment and furniture annually. These are reviewed regularly and cover potential risks to children, staff and visitors at the nursery. When circumstances change in the nursery, e.g. a significant piece of equipment is introduced or new activity or experience is planned, we review our current risk assessment or conduct a new risk assessment dependent on the nature of this change.

All staff are trained in the risk assessment process to ensure understanding and compliance of how they manage risks. All outings away from the nursery are individually risk assessed and adequately staffed with paediatric first aid trained practitioners. For more details, please refer to the Visits and outings policy.

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