



SANDOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND NURSERY

Risk Assessment

Statement of Intent:

We will create a setting that is safe and minimise risk to health for all children, their families and adults who are on the premises. We will maintain procedures that are carried out regularly and are of the highest standard.

Policy Aims:

- To have procedures in place for ensuring safety and the reduction of risk to health in connection with the use, handling, and storage of equipment and substances.
- The setting will have up to date risk assessments.
- All practitioners to be responsible for assessing risks on a daily basis and respond to them.

Procedures:

A risk assessment is a careful examination of what could cause harm to children and adults and a decision being made if enough precautions have been taken to prevent harm.

Five steps can be taken to assess risk:

- Identify the hazard
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Evaluate the risks and decide on the precautions
- Record your findings and implement them
- Review your assessment and update if necessary

Risk Assessments are conducted and reviewed at least annually or sooner if the need arises. The Health and Safety Officer at the setting is responsible for carrying out risk assessments and making recommendations based on these to the Nursery Manager/ Head Teacher and at any Health and Safety Meetings. The Nursery Manager is responsible for ensuring the Head Teacher is informed so that appropriate action can be taken.

Daily health and safety checks must be completed before the setting opens and recorded.

The setting should have a specific risk assessment for COSHH and RIDDOR.

Links to:

- Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (2017) DfE 'The safeguarding and welfare requirements'
- Health Protection Agency
- ESCC – Health and safety policy and online training