Safety Checks

At Muddy Puddles we take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises including carrying out safety checks on a regular basis in accordance with the timescales set out in the nursery checklists table at the end of this policy.

These include daily safety checks of the premises, indoors and outdoors, and all equipment and resources before the children access any of the areas. The checks are recorded and show any issues and solutions.

(This policy should be read in conjunction with the Health and safety - general policy, Fire safety policy, Overall approach to risk assessments policy, and the Equipment and resources policy).

All staff are trained in health and safety to raise awareness. Staff know how to recognise potential hazards, including near misses in the nursery environment and monitor safety at all times.

Risk assessments (refer to the Overall approach to risk assessments policy)

Risk assessments document the hazard, who could be harmed, existing controls, the seriousness of the risk or potential injury, any further action needed to control the risk, who is responsible for what action, when and how often will the action be undertaken, and how will this be monitored and checked and by whom.

The nursery carries out written risk assessments at least annually. These are regularly reviewed 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 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.

Electrical equipment

• All electrical cables are kept out of the reach of children wherever possible and shielded by furniture where they need to be at floor level

• We take a risk-based approach, considering the type of equipment and what it is being used for, to make a decision whether to have certain electrical items Portable appliance testing (PAT) tested (as per HSE guidance)

• Electrical sockets are all risk assessed and any appropriate safety measures are in place to ensure the safety of the children.

Mains information

Locations of:

Water Stop Tap

1) In the Haybarn building, in the kitchen, under the sink there is a copper tap, this turns off the water to both the Haybarn and Longbarn

2) In the new build, under the sink in the kitchen, there is a copper tap that turns the water off to the new build kitchen and bathroom.

Main Electricity Box & Fuse Box

1) The electricity comes into the building from 2 electrical supply boxes located outside of the Longbarn and Haybarn buildings both on the lane side.

2) There are 3 fuse boxes,

- for all electric in the Haybarn the fuse box is located above the entrance to the Haybarn from the Longbarn
- For all electric in the Longbarn the fuse box is located above the door to the Longbarn main room
- For all electric to the new build, the fuse box is located to the right of the internal double doors in the new build main room

Dangerous substances

All dangerous substances including chemicals are kept in locked areas out of children's reach. All substances are kept in their original containers with their original labels attached. Safety data sheets (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)) and risk assessments are kept for all substances and the appropriate personal protection taken and used e.g. gloves, apron and goggles.

Room temperatures

• Staff should be aware of room temperatures in the nursery, ensure that they are suitable at all times. There is a thermometer in each room to ensure this is monitored

• Staff must always be aware of the dangers of babies and young children being too warm or too cold

• Temperatures should not fall below 18 °C in the baby rooms and 16 °C in all other areas

Water supplies

• A fresh water drinking supply is available and accessible to all children, staff and visitors

• All hot water taps accessible to children are thermostatically controlled to ensure that the temperature of the water does not exceed 40 °C.

• Carbon monoxide detectors are fitted.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for Review
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