

Stower Vale Pre-School
HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

At Stower Vale Pre-School, we take our responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of all users of the setting very seriously. We are committed to cultivating a culture of safety within the setting and have in place a wide range of procedures to minimise hazards.

All staff are aware of their responsibilities for maintaining their own personal health and safety, for that of their colleagues and for the children and families they are responsible for. They are encouraged to be constantly vigilant and to bring potential hazards to the attention of the play leader of the setting.

Wherever possible, we use non-toxic cleaning chemicals within the setting. These are stored securely out of reach of the children. COSHH reports are written for all cleaning chemicals. Protective aprons and gloves are used whenever necessary and all waste materials are disposed of hygienically.

Brushes and mops are readily accessible to clear up spills and all staff have a responsibility to maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout the setting. All brushes and dustpans are kept clean and waste bins are emptied regularly.

Fire extinguishers and electrical appliances are checked annually. Electrical equipment is used in a safe manner. Sockets are out of the reach of the children, and have safety covers and are not overloaded. All appliances are kept indoors and away from any water.

Children using ICT equipment are monitored as to how close they sit to the screen. The computer is in a well lit area to avoid over straining of eyes.

Room temperatures are monitored, both in the morning and afternoon; steps are taken to improve ventilation if necessary.

All hot drinks are kept away from children in the kitchen at all times. Children are not allowed to enter the kitchen area.

Children wear sun hats and sunscreen when outside on sunny days and are encouraged to play in the shade. Parents are asked to provide sunscreen for their child and will be asked to sign written permission for the staff to apply sun cream when necessary.

The garden area is checked daily for animal droppings, broken glass or litter. Regular checks are made during the growing season to remove any potentially poisonous plants.

The Deputy Play Leader is responsible for the Risk assessments that are carried out yearly and updated when required..

Daily risk assessments are done inside and in the outdoor play area this is done by the children with the assistance of the staff and children

