

## **Physical Environment**

Our club 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 parent/carers and any other visitors.

The clubs premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for it's purpose. The environment and atmosphere of the club is welcoming to children and offers access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied programme of activities.

The club is committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to facilities, activities and play opportunities. Including children with special needs and/or disabilities. (For further details see the Special Needs Policy)

The clubs, premises comply with all requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and all other relevant regulations and guidance.

The Senior Play Worker and staff are responsible for ensuring that the clubs 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 the opening hours the premises are used by and are solely available to the club, it's staff and its children as far as possible.

The club 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.

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

Under normal circumstances staff will ensure that there is one toilet and one washbasin with hot and cold water available for every 8 children ensuring an adequate balance between male and female facilities.

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

### **Outdoor Play**

Any outdoor play will take place in a safe secure and well-supervised space. Before an outdoor activity commences a thorough safety check and risk assessment will take place.

Outdoor play areas will be well maintained and free from holes, bumps or uneven surfaces. Ponds, drains, pools or any un-natural water will be made safe or inaccessible to children.

In the event of snow or ice on external walkways staff will ensure that this is checked and kept safe.

Staff will make sure that there is a regular supply of water available to children at all times, especially in hot conditions. In such circumstances staff will also ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Manager)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Date)**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Chairperson)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Date)**