The Meadows
Cheeky Chimps Childcare

Security of the setting policy

The children's safety is paramount at the nursery, and we ensure daily, that our premises is safe for the children. This policy runs along side our **Health and Safety policy.**

We have put in place a range of policies and daily checks to ensure that we are doing our best to keep children safe. The Meadows follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory guidance.

Within this guidance it states "3.79 Providers must ensure that their premises, including overall floor space and outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for and the activities provided on the premises.". *(Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Guidance 2026)*

Staff are to ensure that the open and closing checks are carried out daily in all rooms and in our garden areas. Management is to ensure that all these open and closing checks are carried out and they have completed their own designated checks.

If hazards/risks are identified during these checks, staff are to report any hazards to the management team as well as document this on their daily checks.

Entering and leaving the building:

When staff members are entering and leaving the building, they are to ensure that the doors are locked behind them. When staff members are letting parents/visitors in/out of the setting, they are to ensure the doors are locked behind them both ways.

Staff are to sign in and out of the building when entering and leaving. Staff are to sign any visitors in/out of the visitor's book that is in the reception area.

Staff are to ensure that fire doors are shut when not in use and that all gates are bolted and locked. Staff going to the allotment or lockup are to ensure that all gates and doors are shut and locked so nobody can leave or enter the premises without permission.

Risk assessments:

"3.91. Providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how they are managing risks" *(Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Guidance 2026).*

At The Meadows, we aim to ensure that we are minimising the hazards and risks within the environment to ensure that children have a safe place to explore. We ensure that we make our environment a safe place by using risk assessments to assess and minimise the hazards and risks within the environment.

Any risk assessments in place, are to be read by the staff members and are to be adhered to. When a risk assessment is created, we look into the following:

- Identifying the risk.
- Who is at risk.
- The measures in place to reduce or eliminate the risk.
- What staff need to do in order to reduce or eliminate the risk.

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