



DEAN CLOSE NURSERIES LIMITED

Independent Day Nursery

Safety of the Children (NL002)

Dean Close Nurseries Ltd is wholly owned by The Dean Close Foundation,
registered Charity No: 1086829

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SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN

(Cross Reference to Safeguarding Policy)

The safety of young children is of paramount importance. In order to ensure the safety of both children and adults the nursery will ensure that:

- a register of both adults and children will be completed as they arrive and leave, so that a complete record is available in any emergency
- all children will be supervised by adults at all times, and all accidents/ incidents are recorded which are monitored regularly
- all adults will be aware of the systems of using passwords for the arrival and departure of children, and an adult will be at the door during these periods
- children will only leave the provision with authorised adults
- whenever children are on the premises at least two adults will be present, with child to adult ratios being maintained at all times
- children who are sleeping will be checked regularly
- a safety check on premises, both indoor and outdoor will be made every session/day
- internal safety gates and barriers will be used as necessary
- low-level glass will be covered, or replaced by safety glass
- outdoor space will be securely fenced
- adults will be aware of the effect of any plants, particularly in an outdoor area, on the children
- equipment/toys will conform to all relevant safety regulations and will be sound and well made
- equipment will be checked regularly and any dangerous items repaired/discarded
- activities such as cooking, walks and energetic play, will receive close and constant supervision
- equipment offered to children will be developmentally appropriate, recognising that materials suitable for an older child may pose a risk to younger, less mature children
- rules of behaviour will be set for children, staff and helpers in relation to use of equipment

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- the layout and space ratios will allow children and adults to move safely and freely between activities
- rooms will be well lit and windows will be able to be shaded by blinds which are non-flammable
- fires, heaters, electric points and leads will be adequately guarded
- heating and ventilating systems will enable comfortable and legally required temperatures to be maintained. Minimum temperature 65 degrees Fahrenheit
- If applicable stairways will be well lit, with handrails.
- all dangerous materials, including medicines and cleaning materials, will be stored out of reach of children
- children will not have unsupervised access to kitchens, cookers or any cupboards storing hazardous materials including matches
- adults will not walk into base rooms with hot drinks, or place hot drinks within reach of children
- fire doors will not be obstructed
- fire drills will be held at least once a term. All fire drills will be recorded and reviewed.
- all staff and volunteers will be informed of evacuation procedures during their induction.
- smoke detectors are fitted and checked periodically
- correctly stocked first aid boxes will be available at all times
- the premises will be checked before locking up at the end of the day/session
- appropriate safety arrangements will be made for children with disabilities or learning difficulties
- all concerns must be brought to the attention of the Management Team