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1.05 Outdoors

- At Rainbow Pre-school gates to either side of the garden area are locked and keys kept in easy reach for emergencies. Barriers are placed in front of metal fences for extra security.
- Areas are checked daily to make sure animal droppings, litter, glass etc. is removed. Staff wear rubber gloves to do this.
- Garden maintenance of bushes, grass areas, etc. is overseen by Parish Council.
- Children are always supervised while playing outside.
- Children are suitably attired for the weather conditions and type of outdoor activities.
- Sun cream (if parents have given permission) is applied and hats are worn during the summer months. Outdoor play is avoided in extreme heat between noon and 3pm.
- Children who have no adequate means of sun protection, such as a hat, long sleeves and trousers or sun cream, will not be able to play outdoors in un-shaded areas.
- Water play is not left out but is cleared, cleaned and stored after each use.
- Sightings of vermin are recorded and reported to the manager who reports to the Environmental Health's Pest Control Department.
- If paddling pools are used, a risk assessment is conducted, and consideration given to the needs of disabled children or those less ambulant.

Drones

If there are concerns about a 'drone' being flown over the outdoor area, that may compromise children's safety or privacy, the setting manager will contact the police on 101.

- Children will be brought inside immediately.
- Parents will be informed that a Drone has been spotted flying over the outdoor area and will be advised fully of the actions taken by the setting.
- The police will have their own procedures to follow and will act accordingly.
- If at any point following the incident, photographs taken by a drone emerge on social media that could identify the nursery or individual children, these are reported to the police.
- A record is completed in the Notifiable Incident Record unless there is reason to believe that the incident might have safeguarding implications, for example:

- the drone has hovered specifically over the outdoor area for any length of time
- there is a likelihood that images of the children have been recorded
- is spotted on more than one occasion
- if the Police believe there is cause for concern

Where this is the case, **6.00 Safeguarding Young People and Vulnerable Adults** procedures are followed.

Further guidance

[Reportable Incident Record](#) (Alliance Publication)