



## **Supervision of children in the EYFS Policy**

At Rossall EYFS we aim to protect and support the welfare of the children in our care at all times. The Nursery Manager and Head of EYFS are responsible for all staff, students and relief staff receiving information on health and safety policies and procedures in the EYFS in order to supervise the children in their care suitably. Staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety at all times. We ensure that children are adequately supervised, including whilst eating, and the Nursery Manager decides how to deploy staff to ensure children's needs are met.

### **Supervision**

We ensure that children are supervised adequately at all times, whether children are in or out of the building through:

- Making sure that every child is always within the sight and hearing of a suitably vetted member of staff. Monitoring staff deployment across the setting regularly to ensure children's needs are met.
- Children are counted in and out of the building in circumstances where continuous provision is not available. All staff need to know how many children are left in the building and how many children are outside.
- Where continuous provision is accessible - once the door is closed a register is taken to ensure all children are present and accounted for. Staff need to be aware whilst in the garden if any other staff are required to supervise and to keep the children safe.
- Children to be counted in and out of the dining hall and again once back at the setting.
- Ensuring children are always fully supervised when using water play/paddling pools.
- Being vigilant when children are using large apparatus e.g. a climbing frame, and when walking up or down steps/stairs.
- Staff will support children to identify, minimise and manage risks in their play.
- Staff recognise and are aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants when on visits/outdoors.
- In Nursery, supervising children always when eating; monitoring toddlers and babies closely and never leaving babies alone with a bottle. Babies are always bottle fed by a member of staff.
- Children are supervised during meal times and are within both sight and hearing of an adult for the duration of a meal.
- Supervising sleeping babies/children and never leaving them unattended, we also check their mouths before falling asleep for stored food.
- Never leaving babies/children unattended during nappy changing times.
- Supervising children carefully when using scissors or tools, including using knives in cooking activities where this is required
- Increasing staff: child ratios during off site outings to ensure supervision and safety (please refer to Outings policy)
- Strictly following any safety guidelines given by other organisations or companies relating to the hire of equipment or services e.g. hire of a bouncy castle and a member of staff **MUST** supervise the children at all times.

- During continuous provision in Reception, the children can access the outside classroom but understand that they must remain in the fenced area.

For children aged three and over in independent schools (including in nursery classes), where a person with Qualified Teacher Status, Early Years Professional Status, Early Years Teacher Status or another approved level 6 qualification, an instructor, or another suitably qualified overseas trained teacher, is working directly with the children:

- for classes where the majority of children will reach the age of five or older within the school year, there must be at least one member of staff for every 30 children
- for all other classes there must be at least one member of staff for every 13 children
- at least one other member of staff must hold an approved level 3 qualification

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