

Boots in Nature



Boots in Nature Safeguarding Policy

Purpose

The safety and wellbeing of every child in our Nature Club is our highest priority. This policy explains how we keep children safe while they enjoy outdoor learning and play.

Commitment to Safeguarding

- We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment.
- All staff and volunteers understand their duty of care and follow safeguarding procedures.
- We believe safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Staff and Volunteers

- All staff and volunteers working with children are subject to appropriate background checks (DBS or equivalent).
- Staff receive safeguarding training and refreshers.
- A designated Safeguarding Lead is appointed to oversee concerns and procedures.

Supervision & Ratios

- Children are supervised at all times during sessions.
- Appropriate adult-to-child ratios are maintained.
- Children are only released to authorised parents/carers at the end of sessions.

Code of Conduct

- Staff act as positive role models at all times.
- Physical contact is kept appropriate and in line with safeguarding principles.
- Staff will never use physical punishment, inappropriate language, or humiliating behaviour.

Responding to Concerns

- Any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing will be taken seriously and reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- If necessary, concerns will be passed to children's social care or other relevant agencies.
- Records of concerns are kept securely and confidentially.

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Health & Safety in the Settings

- Risk assessments are completed for all outdoor activities.
- Children are taught how to stay safe outdoors (boundaries, safe tool use, appropriate clothing).
- First aid kits are always available and at least one adult present is first aid trained.

Online & Social Media Safety

Photographs or videos will only be taken with parental consent and in line with our Photo & social media Policy. Children's full names will never be shared online.

Working with Parents/Carers

We value strong partnerships with parents and carers. This policy is available to all families, and concerns can be raised with staff at any time.

Review

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