



# Rainbow Teddies Pre-school Policy Document

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### Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements:

#### 8) Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment


### EYFS Key Themes and Commitments:

<i>A Unique Child</i>	<i>Positive Relationships</i>	<i>Enabling Environments</i>	<i>Learning and Development</i>

This policy was adopted at a meeting on: .....

Review Date: .....

Signed: ..... on behalf of the Management Committee

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Signed: ..... Pre-school Manager



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At Rainbow Teddies we believe that the outdoor environment plays an essential part in the process of a child's learning and development experience.

It is recognised that some children learn better in an outdoor environment and that an outdoor environment can also encourage less verbal children to use more communication/language in their play/interactions with other children/adults.

- Children will be involved in and aware of the rules for conduct during out-door play.
- Outdoor play will be well supervised at all times giving regard to adult: child ratios.
- Outdoor play will build on all areas of learning and development; which will be reflected in the planning.
- Where possible, children will have access to the outdoor environment every day.
- We will give children the chance to use their imagination during spontaneous and creative play in the out-door environment whilst giving regard to sensible risk assessment.
- Adults will support children's learning when engaged in out-door play.
- Children will have the opportunity to dig in the soil and grow vegetables/fruit with appropriate adult support.
- We have a range of spare, outdoor weather clothing; such that children are able to access the outdoor environment in wet weather (should these not be supplied from home).

### **Risk Management:**

At Rainbow Teddies we understand that children need and want to take risks when they play. To this end we will offer challenging and stimulating experiences and opportunities where children can explore and develop their skills.

- The outdoor environment is checked before/after session; as part of our *Daily Health and Safety Checklist*.
- There is a separate risk assessment for the outdoor environment (*displayed on doors in Terrace/Garden Room*)