 **Little Trees pre-school**

**01 Health and safety policy**

# Alongside associated procedures in 01.1 to 01.22 Health and safety, this policy was adopted by Little Trees pre-school Ltd on 4th September 2024

# Designated Health and Safety Officer is: Vicky Oliver

# Aim

Our provision is a suitable, clean and safe place for children to be cared for, where they can grow and learn. We meet all statutory requirements for health and safety and fulfil the criteria for meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements.

**Objectives**

* We recognise that we have a corporate responsibility and duty of care towards those who work in and receive a service from our provision. Individual staff and service users also have responsibility for ensuring their own safety as well as that of others. Adherence to policies and procedures and risk assessment is the key means through which this is achieved.
* Insurance is in place (including public liability) and an up-to-date certificate is always displayed (parents notice board in the entrance area).
* Risk assessment is carried out to ensure the safety of children, staff, parents, and visitors. Legislation requires all those individuals in the given workplace to be responsible for the health and safety of premises, equipment and working practices. We carry out a daily risk assessment before children arrive. We risk assess new equipment and learning area’s and each term a full risk assessment is carried out prior to the new term beginning. Children with medical and additional needs have their own risk assessment.
* Smoking is not allowed on the premises, both indoors and outdoors. If children use any public space that has been used for smoking, members of staff ensure that there is adequate ventilation to clear the atmosphere. Staff do not smoke in their work clothes and are requested not to smoke within at least one hour of working with children. The use of electronic cigarettes is not allowed on the premises.
* Staff must not be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which may affect their ability to care for children. If staff are taking medication that they believe may impair them, they seek further medical advice and only work directly with children if that advice is that the medication is unlikely to impair their ability to look after children. The setting manager must be informed.
* Alcohol must not be bought onto the premises for consumption.
* Risk assessments are monitored and reviewed by those responsible for health and safety.

###### **Legal references**

Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974

Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999)

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005)Electricity at Work Regulations (1989)

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs

Manual Handling Operations Regulations (1992) (Amended 2002)

Medicines Act (1968)

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2004

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981

Childcare Act 2006

**Further guidance**

[Dynamic Risk Management in the Early Years](https://portal.eyalliance.org.uk/Shop#!prod/d28ed1d4-7564-ea11-a811-000d3a0bad7c/curr/GBP) (Alliance 2017)

Health and Safety Executive www.hse.gov.uk/risk

Food Standards Agency [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.fod.gov.uk)

Ministry or Housing, Communities & Local Government [www.communities.gov.uk](https://preschoolla.sharepoint.com/sites/COMM/Shared%20Documents/Pubs/Pubs%20Print%20Promo/Pub%20Drafts/A030%20Was%20A026%20Policies%20%26%20Procedures%20for%20the%20EYFS%202021/A030%20FINAL/www.communities.gov.uk)

Signed …**Vicky Oliver**………………. Position ………Manager………………………………….

Date ……4th September 2024…………………………….