

Supervision of Children and Young People NMS 22.20; 24.3; 24.4; 24.8

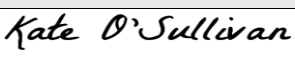
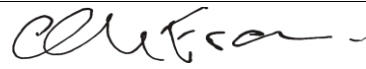
We aim to protect and support the welfare of all the children and young people that attend our activity sessions at all times. The Children and Young People's Officer is responsible for all staff, students and relief staff receiving information on health and safety policies and procedures along with other policies and procedures, in order to supervise the children and young people attending provision.

Supervision

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

- Making sure that every child is always within the sight and/or hearing of a suitably vetted member of staff. Monitoring staff deployment across the setting regularly to ensure children's needs are met
- Staff will support children and young people to identify, minimise and manage risks in their play
- Ensuring children and young people are fully supervised at all times when using water play/paddling pools as we are aware that children can drown in only a few centimetres of water
- Taking special care when children are using large apparatus e.g. a climbing wall and when walking up or down steps/stairs, including having one member of staff supervising large outdoor play equipment at all times
- Making sure staff recognise and are aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants when on visits/outdoors
- Supervising children at all times when eating where required
- Supervising children and young people when using scissors or tools including using knives in cooking activities, where this is required
- Increasing staff: child ratios during 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.

This policy was adopted on 13.10.2025 and will be reviewed on or before 13.10.2026

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