

## **Birdhurst Day Nursery - Supervision of Children Policy**

At Birdhurst Day Nursery we aim to protect and support the welfare of the children in our care at all times. The Head Teacher is responsible for all permanent staff, agency staff and students receiving information on Health and Safety Policies and Procedures in the Nursery in order to effectively supervise the children in their care.

### **Supervision**

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

- Making sure that every child is always within 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.
- Ensuring children are closely supervised when using water play and 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 frame, 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 and outdoors.
- Supervising children at all times 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.
- Supervising sleeping babies/children and never leaving them unattended
- Never leaving babies/children unattended during nappy changing times
- Supervising children carefully when using scissors or tools including using knives in cooking activities.
- 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, a member of staff MUST supervise the children at all times.