

## Outdoors including the garden

- All gates and fences must be childproof and safe.
- Areas are checked daily to make sure there is no animal droppings, litter, glass etc. Staff wear protective gloves to do this.
- Bushes or overhanging branches are checked to ensure any berries are not poisonous.
- Brambles and stinging nettles are removed.
- Safety mats are provided, where necessary.
- Wooded equipment is pit away daily, checked every day and discarded if broken.
- Wooden equipment is sanded and repainted when necessary.
- Broken equipment is always removed and reported to the setting manager.
- Children are always supervised outside.
- Children are suitably attired for the weather conditions.
- Sun cream, with parental permission, is applied regularly.
- Children with no sun protection and unsuitably attired will not be allowed out between 11am and 3pm.
- Children are always supervised on climbing equipment.
- Water play is not left out but emptied and cleared away regularly.
- Receptacles are left upturned to prevent collection of rainwater.
- Sightings of vermin are reported to the setting manager who informs the village hall committee. If necessary, this will be reported to Environmental Healths Pest Control.
- Outdoor areas that have been flooded are not used until they have been cleaned.
- If paddling pools have been used the needs of less able children are taken into consideration, a risk assessment is carried out.

## **Drones**

- If any drone is spotted over the outside area 111 must be notified.
- Parents will be informed that a drone has been spotted and of the actions taken by the setting.
- The Police will follow their own procedures.
- If at any point after the drone has been spotted, pictures emerge on social media, the Police are notified immediately.
- A record is kept as a Notifiable Incident Report. The incident becomes a safeguarding issue if;

The drone has hovered for a long time.

There is a likelihood that images of the children have been taken.

The drone is spotted more than once

If the Police believe there is cause for concern.

If this is the case the Safeguarding Procedure is followed.