



# St. Mary's Preschool, Lymm

Registered Charity No. 1026307

## 8.5 Fire safety and emergency evacuation

### Policy statement

We ensure the highest possible standard of fire precautions are in place. The person in charge and our staff are familiar with the current legal requirements. Where necessary we seek the advice of a competent person, such as our Fire Officer or Fire Safety Consultant. A Fire Safety Log Book is used to record the findings of risk assessment, any actions taken or incidents that have occurred and our fire drills. Downloadable Fire Safety Log Books are widely available free of charge on line. We ensure our policy is in line with the procedures specific to our building, making reasonable adjustments as required.

### Procedures

#### *Fire safety risk assessment*

- The basis of fire safety is risk assessment, carried out by a 'competent person'.
- The manager has received training in fire safety sufficient to be competent to carry out the risk assessment; this will be written where there are more than five staff and will follow the Government guidance Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Educational Premises (HMG 2006).
  - Our fire safety risk assessment focuses on the following for each area of the setting:
    - Electrical plugs, wires and sockets.
    - Electrical items.
    - Gas boilers.
    - Cookers.
    - Matches.
    - Flammable materials – including furniture, furnishings, paper etc.
    - Flammable chemicals.
    - Means of escape.
    - Anything else identified.
- Where we rent premises, we will ensure that we have a copy of the fire safety risk assessment that applies to the building and that we contribute to regular reviews.

#### *Fire safety precautions taken*

- We ensure that fire doors are clearly marked, never obstructed and easily opened from the inside.

- We ensure that smoke detectors/alarms and fire fighting appliances conform to BS EN standards, are fitted in appropriate high risk areas of the building and are checked as specified by the manufacturer.
- We have all electrical equipment checked regularly by a qualified electrician. Any faulty electrical equipment is taken out of use and either repaired or replaced.
- Our emergency evacuation procedures are approved by the Fire Safety Officer and are:
  - clearly displayed in the premises;
  - explained to new members of staff, volunteers and parents; and
  - practised regularly.
- Records are kept of fire drills and of the servicing of fire safety equipment.

#### *Emergency evacuation procedure*

Our Evacuation procedure is displayed throughout our premises. It includes:

- How children are familiar with the sound of the fire alarm.
- How the children, staff and parents know where the fire exits are.
- How children are led from the building to the assembly point.
- How children will be accounted for and who by.
- How long it takes to get the children out safely.
- Who calls the emergency services, and when, in the event of a real fire.
- How parents are contacted.

#### *Fire drills*

We hold fire drills termly and record the following information about each fire drill in the Fire Safety Log Book:

- The date and time of the drill.
- Number of adults and children involved.
- How long it took to evacuate.
- Whether there were any problems that delayed evacuation.
- Any further action taken to improve the drill procedure.

#### **Legal framework**

- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

This policy was adopted by	St Mary's Preschool
On	September 2019
Date to be reviewed	This policy is reviewed annually.
	This is the current version.
Signed on behalf of the provider	_____
Name of signatory	_____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or	_____

owner)

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### **Further guidance**

- Fire Safety Risk Assessment - Educational Premises (HMG 2006)

#### **Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications**

- Fire Safety Record (2015)