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Section 1:**What is the specific information about this Policy?****Are there any other relevant policies?**

All other Policies are relevant to this policy, in particular:

- Staffing Policy – Policy 1
- Organisation Policy – Policy 2
- Toy Resource and Equipment Policy – Policy5
- Health Policy – Policy 7

- Parent Partnership - Policy 12
- Safeguarding Policy – Policy 13
- E Safety – Policy – 13b
- Data Protection Policy – Policy 14

What does the law require?

Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 states that “it shall be the duty of every employer to prepare and, as often as may be appropriate, revise a written statement of his general policy with respect to the health and safety at work of his employees and the organisation and arrangements for the time being in force for carrying out that policy, and to bring the statement and any revision of it to the notice of all his employees.”

What is the staff responsibility for this policy?

The Nursery Managers and Senior Management Team have responsibility for implementing this policy. All staff have a duty to implement this policy. The Company Director oversees any issues.

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to all members of the Nursery Community and other visitors.

Who is responsible for monitoring this policy and staff?

The Nursery Managers and Senior Management Team are DSL's and responsible for monitoring this policy. The senior member of staff on duty is responsible for the policy implementation. A Children-First CF Suitable Person, detailed in the Staffing Policy, will always be on site during Nursery opening hours. Should an emergency occur where this person is not available, the responsibility is with the next most senior staff member to contact the Company Director with all concerns. The CF Suitable Person status for all senior members of staff will be reviewed periodically through the appraisal process, supervisions and training sessions to ensure suitability for the responsibility. All staff who have contact with the children, whatever their designation, are responsible for implementing the policy. Temporary staff, students and those on probation must still abide by this policy, although their duties will be more restricted than permanent staff. Details of this are in the Staffing Policy – Policy 1 and later in this policy. The Company Director oversees monitoring of this policy.

What do we do if the law changes in any area?

Research and training into the changes will potentially result in review. The Nursery will follow all legal requirements at all times. It is the Nursery Manager's responsibility to ensure the correct action is discussed with the Company Director and then implemented accordingly.

Who is responsible for monitoring this Policy?

The Nursery Coordinators and Nursery Director are responsible for monitoring this policy. Managers must be vigilant on a day, to day basis and ensure that all aspects of nursery life comply with health and safety, undertaking frequent and regular risk assessments.

Who can have a copy of this Policy?

All staff must be familiar with this policy and have a clear working understanding of the requirements of this policy. All members of the Nursery Community can read this Policy on www.children-first.info.

When is this Policy reviewed, developed or changed?

All Nursery Policy is subject to review, development or alteration at any time, the children's needs being of primary consideration. Development can be as a result of the requirements of the Nursery changing, children's requests or needs, parental suggestion, Inspection, consultancy advice, environmental health inspection, statutory changes, local authority requirements, risk assessments, training courses, or seek advice from the Health and Safety Executive, ACAS or the FSB. The Nursery Director and Managers are responsible for review.

What insurance does Children-First have in the event of a serious accident or incident?

Children-First has an extensive insurance policy for each Nursery. The insurance policies cover all of usual eventualities including cyber-crime, accident and public liability. The insurance certificate must be displayed in the office. The Nursery has a free on demand counselling service for all staff

members to support their wellbeing in case of an accident or incident. This is totally confidential and supports staff after a major accident or incident or at any other time they may wish if they have personal wellbeing concerns.

Section 2:

What are the aims of this Policy and what is the Policy Statement?

What are the aims of this Policy?

This Policy aims to ensure the Nursery upholds this statement from the Early Years Foundation Stage or EYFS: *"providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well" and "providers must be alert to any issues of concern in the child's life at home or elsewhere". (page 16).* The purpose of this policy is to ensure every part of a child's early years education and care is as safe, secure, and happy as it can possible be. This policy also follows the legislative statutory guidance of *"Working Together to Safeguard Children"*, 2018 edition. The Policy is designed to ensure all adults within the Nursery understand the procedures and feel relaxed and confident about security and safeguarding of the children.

What is the Policy Statement?

We endorse this statement from the EYFS: *"Children learn best when they are healthy, safe and secure, when their individual needs are met, and when they have positive relationships with the adults caring for them".* Additionally, we also endorse the statement from Working Together to Safeguard Children which states *"the child's needs are paramount, and the needs and wishes of each child...should be put first, so that every child received the support they need".* At the Nursery we provide the highest standards of care for children and all members of the Nursery Community. This includes a real commitment to all aspects of safety to ensure that both the indoor and outdoor environment is safe and secure, posing no risk of bodily harm or injury.

Section 3:

Who and are the named Coordinators for safety and what do they do?

Who is the named Safety Coordinator?

Lists of named Coordinators for the roles in the Nursery, are displayed in Nursery and kept updated by Managers. The Manager is the Designated Safety Lead, or DSL. Nursery Managers and the Nursery Coordinator supports all named persons.

What do named Coordinators for safety do?

Named Coordinators oversee safety In Nursery and support other team members. They have additional training in safety and review accidents and incidents. The DSL supports this.

Section 4:

What are the safety requirements at Nursery?

What does this Policy do?

The Safety Policy sets out working practice, guidelines and requirements for an effective policy. These are underpinned by current statute. Risk assessments are an integral part of this policy.

What are the staff and child ratios?

We always ensure that correct child to staff ratios are maintained in line with EYFS Statutory framework 2017.

- Ages 0 – 2 = 3 children – 1 team member
- Ages 2 – 3 = 5 children – 1 team member, we generally work with a 1:4 ratio.
- Ages 3 - 5 = 8 children – 1 team member

Section 5:

What is personal protective equipment, PPE and why do we have personal PPE?

What is personal PPE?

PPE is single use protective clothing that is disposed of for recycling for use by staff, parents and other members of the Nursery Community.

What PPE does Nursery use?

Nursery staff, parents and visitors are provided with the appropriate levels of PPE to support them and ensure the highest level of hygiene in the Nursery. The Manager is responsible for ordering of PPE equipment and ensuring there is always an adequate supply. The Nursery provides the following:

- White aprons for nappy change and bodily fluids.
- White gloves for nappy change and bodily fluids.
- Blue aprons for food handling.
- Blue gloves for food handling.
- Shoe covers.
- masks.

Section 6:

What are risk assessments and what risk assessments are completed?

Who is responsible for risk assessments?

The CF Suitable Person on shift is responsible for the formal and daily risk assessments in all areas of the Nursery before the Nursery opens and after the Nursery closes. Every team member is responsible for informal risk assessments when entering a new area in the Nursery. All team members are required to informally risk assess all new activities for the children. The Manager is responsible for overall risk assessments in the Nursery and the review of risk assessments when needed. All formal written risk assessments must be filed. The Manager must ensure all formal risk assessments that are completed are filed. The Nursery Coordinators audit risk assessments regularly.

What is the purpose of risk assessments?

The purpose of risk assessments is to ensure compliance, an audit trail, safety and prevention of accidents or injuries. Including:

- To keep children, staff, parents and all members of the community safe
- To check for sharp, dangerous, broken or unsuitable objects,
- To check for choking hazards using a choke cylinder,
- To consider allergies and prevent allergic of reactions,
- To monitor the Nursery for slippery surfaces and ensure they are dealt with,
- To consider access to children from those who should not have access,
- To ensure clear exits,
- To assess old equipment and resources and remove them if considered a risk,
- To ensure fire exits are clear in case of an emergency.
- For all children with allergies and the children who may suffer a severe allergic reaction.
- For injuries or health issues with children or team members.

Section 7:

How is safety on local community outings managed?

Why do we have local area and community outings?

Children and team members should explore the local community when safe and possible. This extends learning whilst linking to themes and topics that the children are interested in: When considering and arranging outings the following must be completed:

- Risk assessments prior to visit,
- Careful plans and arrangements for the visit,
- Risk assessment on arrival,
- Outings register,
- Continual headcounts,

What does the Nursery need to take on the outing?

The following must be taken:

- First aid bag,
- High visibility vests which the children must wear,
- Trip mobile phone with no camera,
- Nursery and parents contact numbers,
- Children's EpiPen's and medication in case it is needed.

Are the ratios different for local outings?

Ratios of adults to children are higher than in Nursery when children leave the building for local outings. These ratios and standards must be maintained whilst on an outing. Nursery Policy is:

- A level 3 practitioner or CF Suitable Person must lead all outings,
- A ratio of 1:2 for children under 2,
- A ratio of 1:3 for children under 3,
- A ratio of 1:4 can be for children over 3 if deemed reasonable by the CF Suitable Person leading the outing.

What do we do if a child is lost on an outing?

In the event of a lost child on an outing the following procedures will be followed;

1. CF Suitable Person to call the Nursery Manager.
2. CF Suitable Person to have a thorough search of area, remaining staff to stay with the children.
3. Nursery Manager to call parents or carers.
4. The Nursery Manager contact the Nursery Director and coordinators by email.
5. The Manager will contact the parents and police.
6. The Nursery will go into lockdown as the police may wish to interview all staff. s
7. When the police arrive, they will continue with the search.
8. The CF Suitable Person will take advice from the police about returning to the Nursery.
9. All team members will comply with investigations offering as much information as possible.
10. An investigation will also be undertaken by Children-First.
11. The incident will be reported to Ofsted a SIF and timeline will be created.
12. There will be a full investigation, potentially with police support, disciplinary action will be considered.
13. Other agencies may be contacted such as the Police, DBS, LADO and insurers.

Section 8:

Is the Nursery building and are the children at Nursery safe and secure?

What security is in place at Nursery?

Nursery equipment for monitoring the building is maintained and improved as required. Nursery indoor and outdoor areas are covered by CCTV which complies with data protection laws. Every Nursery is equipped with the following security measures:

- Electronic door entry system with video images for visual recognition of those entering the building,
- CCTV cameras in outdoor and indoor areas,

What must unknown visitors to the Nursery do?

It is essential that Manager know who is in the building and that they inform all staff when an unknown visitor enters the building. Unknown visitors entering the Nursery must:

- Have an appointment in the diary arranged or agreed by the Manager. Exceptions are Ofsted, Children's Services and Environmental Health.
- Be greeted at the gate and or door by a CF Suitable Person,
- Show photographic identification and be on official business such as Environmental Health Officers who carry the required ID, however their visits are unannounced.
- Sign in on the visitors log and be signed out by a CF Suitable Person.

What responsibility do parents, visitors, students and new team members have to maintain security of access to Nursery?

It is essential that staff know exactly who they have allowed to enter the building. New team members, students and volunteers are not to open the door to anybody.

- Parents and visitors must be made aware that they are not to allow anyone access the Nursery.
- Parents must ensure the gate and door is closed behind them.
- Parents should invite visitors and other parents to ring the bell for entry. This applies even if parents know and recognize other parents.
- Parents and authorized collectors must be patient and allow staff time to verify who is at the door.

How is Nursery maintained and what about work by contractors in relation to security and safety of the children?

Children-First aims to use contractors that are known to company and have DBS checks. If the children are on site contractors are monitored at all times. Generally, Children-First have unusually long-standing relationships with the following suppliers:

- Fire equipment suppliers,
- Electrical safety equipment suppliers,
- Alarm and video entry security supplier,
- Emergency response to alarm trigger suppliers,
- Emergency boiler repair plumbers,
- Pest control suppliers,
- Builders and maintenance contractors,
- Cleaning contractors,
- Insurance brokers,
- COSHH products suppliers,
- First aid training provider,

What will the Nursery do if a known contractor is not available and an emergency contractor is required?

- Use contractors from trusted websites such as Check a Trade,
- Ask for recommendations from parents and carers,
- Use the company who are our cleaning contractors and provide numerous premises services,
- Ensure new contractors have an outstanding history of work over a long period of time or are known to us,
- Potential new contractors must provide photographic identification and proof of address on entry,
- Potential new contractors must provide 3 verified references with contact details. These will be followed up and verified by the Nursery Director.
- If Children-First plan to continue to use the new contractor, as more than a one off, there must a DBS application.

What about Specialist Teachers?

The Nursery employs regular Specialist Teachers who have a staff file in which data is stored. Specialist Teachers must have the following:

- Photographic ID,
- DBS,
- Public liability insurance.
- Potential new Specialist Teachers must provide 3 verified references with contact details. These will be followed up and verified by the Nursery Director.

Are there any other visitors to the Nursery and do they have a DBS?

The Nursery works closely with a variety of other people, all of whom have an active DBS, these include:

- Local authority advisors and consultants,
- Consultants, trainers and advisors that Children-First employ,
- Agency workers to cover staff leave and sickness,
- Photographers either for promotional reasons such as our website, or to take images for purchase by parents and carers.

Section 9:

What about fire protection and procedures?

What fire protection measures are in place?

Every Nursery has a designated health and safety coordinator who reviews the fire protection procedures. The Nursery always ensures:

- Frequent fire drills are undertaken,
- Fire drills from the building use different routes for exit,
- Fire drills consider the most usual places that a fire can break out e.g. the kitchen,
- Fire extinguishers are serviced,
- Fire exits are never blocked and always clear,
- Fire exits are clearly marked,

- Staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in the event of a fire,
- In the case of an emergency each Nursery has a named place of safety.

Section 10:**What is a lockdown and what are procedures for evacuation or lock down?****What would cause Nursery to have a lockdown?**

Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but some of the more typical might be:

- A reported incident or disturbance in the local community, with the potential to pose a risk to children and adults in the Nursery.
- An intruder onsite, with the potential to pose a risk to children and adults in the Nursery.
- A warning being received regarding an environmental risk locally, of air pollution of any kind including: smoke plumes, gas clouds etc.
- A major fire in the vicinity of the Nursery,
- The close proximity of a dangerous animal.
- A lost child.
- A serious incident in the Nursery involving a child.

What evacuation procedures are in place?

The following evacuation procedures are in place:

- Evacuation bag to be taken,
- Room leaders to bring registers,
- Children should leave with their indoor shoes,
- Staff to support children to the place of safety,
- Manager to use evacuation mobile phone to contact parents and the Nursery Director,
- Manager to take laptop and charger if possible to communicate with parents.
- Manager to coordinate with emergency services,
- Children's EpiPens and medication must be taken.

What must evacuation bags must contain?

- Evacuation phone,
- Parents and carers contact numbers,
- Water,
- Cups,
- Torch,
- First aid kit,
- Nappies, wipes, gloves and aprons.
- The Manager must take the Nursery laptop to follow the news and contact parents.

After exiting the building there must be a full head count of all children and staff. Once that has been completed the children and staff go quietly together to their designated safe place. The Manager has responsibility for deciding to be able to contact members of the Nursery community on the laptop and to be able to activate the day, to day email box on the Nursery laptop.

Nursery	Safe place
Independent Place Nursery	Hackney Arc,
Queens Nursery	Queens Pre School @ The Old Stables or Queens Baby Nursery if more distance is needed.
Queens Baby Nursery	Queens Nursery or Waitrose,
Queens Pre School @ The Old Stables	Queens Nursery or Queens Baby Nursery if more distance is needed.

What is the lockdown procedure?

In the event of an emergency situation in the local area or an attempted intruder to the Nursery the Manager needs to consider appropriate actions, based on the need for the lockdown and advice from the relevant authorities. Actions will include some of the following procedures:

- All doors into and out of the Nursery will be locked,
- Windows to be checked to ensure they are firmly closed and bolted,
- Nursery blinds may be closed,
- All staff and children to stay away from the windows and doors,
- All CF Suitable People to be aware of their designated areas,
- Only essential phone calls will be made,
- The Manager may call the police if required due to risk assessment or other reasons,
- Manager to inform parents by email and ask for emails only and no calls, the email will also inform parents that they will be updated at regular intervals by email as it is a faster method of communication than phoning people. Parents must be advised to watch out for emails. The Manager will email parents at least every 30 minutes so that parents and carers are kept up to date and fully informed.
- Manager may need to exit the office and use the laptop to respond to parents.
- The Manager will listen to the news, if relevant, to gain information and assess the situation,
- Nursery Director to be informed about the lockdown.

What must team members do?

It is essential that the children remain happy and engaged with team members in all eventualities, therefore team members must:

- Continue to engage with the children and ensure they are happy and busy,
- Continue the daily routine as much as possible,
- Stay calm,
- Ensure safety,
- Be alert,
- Ensure all conversations in the rooms between themselves, the children and Managers are about the daily routine and the children and do not have an adverse effect on the children,
- Ensure that any conversations about the issue that has led to a lockdown, is with a senior team member and is out of the earshot of the children.

What do parents need to do to ensure safety during a lockdown?

Parents should be aware not to:

- Contact the Nursery during the lockdown as regular updates by email will keep them informed,
- Come to the Nursery under any circumstances.

Parents must wait for the Nursery to contact them to tell them when it is safe to come and collect their child and where to collect their child from if the police deem it necessary to evacuate. Once the police arrive comply with all instructions which may include an orderly evacuation of the children, staff and visitors, to a safe place. The Manager will email parents and carers with an update immediately with information and instructions given by the police. If evacuation is required evacuation bags must be taken. Once the police deem it safe to leave email parents with an update and follow evacuation procedures led by the police. Once evacuation is complete the Manager will email parents giving details of the safe location and then begin to call parents in rotation. Calls must be brief and ask parents to look at their emails, so that parents receive a call as soon as possible.

What if the lockdown is because there has been a serious incident involving a child which raises concerns including there is a child lost?

What happens after a lockdown?

Lockdowns in Nursery means there a very serious incident, either in the Nursery or locally. A SIF needs to be created with a timeline to be submitted to Ofsted. Policy and procedure need to be reviewed in liaison with the police, PHE or other statutory bodies. Parents must also be consulted. Advice may be sought from other agencies if appropriate.

Section 11:

What happens when there is an accidents or incidents?

What do we do in the event of a minor accidents?

In the event of an accident the following procedures will be followed:

- The team member who witnesses the accident should alert another team member to retrieve the first aid kit and or ice packs,
- The Manager must be informed.
- The Manager must decide if it is a minor incident or a major incident.
- The Manager must decide if a parent needs to be called for a child or a relative needs to be called for a team member.
- Appropriate first aid must be administered,
- In the event of a bleed an observation of the bleed will be completed,
- An accident form needs to be completed.
- In the event of a head injury a head observation sheet will be completed, and the Health Policy procedures need to be followed.
- An accident will be completed,
- The parent or carer will sign on the form on collection and it will be filed.
- In the case of an adult having an accident, they read and sign the form themselves.

What is a major accident and what happens?

- The team member who witnesses the accident will alert the Manager
- The Manager or senior on duty will make an immediate decision to call an ambulance,
- The senior first aider will administer first aid until the ambulance arrives,
- Other team members will care for the remaining children by moving them away into another area, quietly and calmly,
- The Manager must call the parent if the accident involves a child or a relative needs to be called if the accident involves a member of staff.
- An accident form will be completed and photocopied for the paramedics to take to the hospital along with documents specified in the Health Policy – Policy 7.
- A CF Suitable Person will accompany the child to the hospital if the parent has not yet arrived and the Health Policy procedures need to be followed.
- Staff must ensure all conversations in the rooms between themselves, the children and Managers are about the daily routine and the children, and do not have an adverse effect on the children,
- Ensure that any conversations about the issue that has led to an ambulance being called, is with a senior team member only and is out of the earshot of the children.
- A SIF should be completed and sent to Ofsted with a timeline, which will include outcomes and a review of the accident to try to ensure nothing similar can occur,
- A Riddor report MUST be completed.
- The Nursery Director will report the accident to the insurers,

What must be done in the event of an incidents?

In the event of an incident the following must happen:

- The witness will complete the incident form, if the witness is not a staff member a CF Suitable Person must complete the incident form with the witness,
- The team member must report the incident as soon as possible, to the Manager,
- It will be reported to the parents at collection time,

What is a major incident and serious incident and what must be done in the event of a major incident?

A major incident at a Children-First Nursery is highly unlikely as the buildings, electrical equipment etc, is properly maintained and replaced as necessary and the buildings are secure and monitored. A major incident is defined by Children-First as any emergency that requires the implementation of special arrangements by one or more of the emergency services, the NHS or local Authority for, the initial treatment, rescue and transport of a large number of casualties. At Nursery In the event of a serious incident the following must happen:

- Manager to contact all services that are required, fire, ambulance, police, local authority to be considered.
- Manager to contact parents, carers and staff emergency contacts of those involved in the incident.

- Staff must ensure all conversations in the rooms between themselves, the children and Managers are about the daily routine and the children and do not have an adverse effect on the children,
- Ensure that any conversations about the issue and the serious incident, is with a senior team member only, and is out of the earshot of the children.
- Manager to contact Nursery Director.
- Manager to follow all instructions and advice given by the services involved.
- All staff must cooperate to resolve the incident quickly, calmly, quietly and competently, to ensure the welfare of the children.

What happens after a serious accident or incident?

A major accident or incident is very serious. A SIF and timeline need to be created and a report must be made to Ofsted. Other report to the relevant authorities as soon as possible. These may include NHS, Ofsted, Riddor, insurance company, LADO, the local environmental health department and others. There may be a disciplinary investigation and action.

How does the Nursery use information about accidents and incidents to try to prevent further similar accidents?

The named, Health and Safety Coordinator reviews accidents and incidents on a monthly basis. They will review the number of accidents and or incidents for each room, child and team member and create targets to ensure the accidents and accidents do not continue. If there are particular issues with equipment or resources, the Manager should consider removing these or making alterations for the children.

Section 12:

When is an emergency closure needed and what happens?

What is an emergency closure?

An emergency closure is triggered when the Nursery has to close immediately or as soon as possible. This will always be a decision made after a risk assessment is conducted and in conjunction with the Nursery Director and/or Nursery Coordinator.

Why could there need to be an emergency closure?

An emergency closure could be caused by a local incident, Police, PHE, Environmental Health Inspection, flood, short staffing or other emergency situations.

What happens if the decision to make an emergency closure is made?

This decision would be made if instructed or by a risk assessment. If the decision to close is made, parents and carers will be contacted immediately by email for urgent collection. As team members and Managers are likely to be very busy supporting children and dealing with the emergency situation, we would request that parents and carers, contact the Nursery by email. This also allows incoming emergency responders to call the Nursery.

What happens after the emergency closure?

The Manager, Nursery Coordinator or Nursery Director will keep in touch with parents by email. In the case that the Nursery remains closed the day after the closure, parents can request a call by email. However, it would always be the case that the Manager keeps in touch with daily learning activities for each age group and responding to emails if the Manager is not working at the Nursery.

How do parents and carers know when the Nursery is reopening, what the arrangements are and how children will return?

The Manager will keep parents and carers informed of all developments and information relevant to the closure. The Manager will also inform parents of reopening arrangements for the children and the Nursery as soon as possible and on a daily basis.

Section 13:

What procedures, quality and policies ensure proper first aid?

What is the policy surrounding first aid and how is quality maintained?

Every member of the team is required to be first aid trained to comply with the Millie's Mark award for each Nursery. Children-First always ensures that team members are provided with first aid training

within their first three months of employment. Training is renewed to ensure staff have up to date skills and information. First aid training dates are recorded on the single central record for the Nursery to be able to see when training needs to be organised. To keep first aid knowledge up to date and current the Children-First Nurseries will:

- Participate in first aid drills,
- Create questionnaires and train staff in first aid,
- Discuss first aid in supervisions,
- Arrange training with our outside agency,
- Have practice EpiPen training.
- Record any choking incidents and evaluate.

How are first aid boxes and evacuation bags used and maintained?

First aid boxes stored in each room and in outings and evacuations bags. The health and safety Coordinator ensures the first aid boxes are fully stocked and within use by dates, by conducting monthly checks and restocking. Evacuation bags must also be maintained.

Section 14:

What does the Nursery do to protect children from the sun, and can staff apply sun cream?

What does the Nursery do to protect children from the sun?

Each Nursery has a covered area outside in the garden. This sheltered area has UV protection. The Nursery director monitors predicted UV and temperatures and sends an email early in the morning giving details of concerns and appropriate actions. If the weather is exceptionally hot and the sun is very strong, outdoor times are altered to earlier and later in the day, whilst the sun is not at its strongest. If this happens the time spent in the outdoor leaning areas may be shorter than usual so that children do not overheat. Children should bring their own sun hat which is clearly named and has a flap to cover the back of the neck. The flap is important as it helps protect the back of the neck when children are playing on the floor and looking down at an activity. Children-First can provide spare sun hats for children. Nurseries do have emergency sun cream stored for use if needed. The team will always check with parents before applying.

What is the Nursery policy about sun cream?

Parents are required to bring in sun cream for their children during sunny weather. Parents must bring their chosen cream for their child due to potential allergies. Room leaders must ensure that all children have been provided with cream by parents. Team members must apply sun cream for children every hour. Team members must complete the outdoor and sun cream check list to ensure all children have adequate cream applied. Team members must alert parents when the cream is running low, preferably via the Family app. Children who do not have cream need to stay in the shade and wear loose fitted long sleeved clothing. Parents who do not want sun cream administered must provide written instruction by email for cream not to be applied. The children concerned will need to wear loose fitting clothing and play mainly under the UV shelter. This must be discussed with parents and the child. Sometimes children run out of their chosen sun cream. At these times the Nursery will use a hyper-allergenic cream with parent's consent, which can be given by email.

Section 15

What is the nursery policy regarding safer eating?

The nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework 2025 in regards to safer eating.

What does in the nursery do to prevent choking?

- The nursery has conversations with children's families to grasp what stage of eating the child is at during the settling in sessions.
- The nursery must prepare food in a way that supports children's individual stage of eating and development.
- The nursery must follow the Food Safety – Help for Early Years Providers – Gov UK.
- Team members must be sat with children when they are eating.

- A runner must be in place to ensure team members do not take attention from the children.
- Children are always sat in age-appropriate chairs with the correct height tables.

What does the nursery do if choking occurs?

- Provide immediate first aid to the child.
- Contact the parents.
- Record the choking incident on the Family app on an accident/incident form.
- Managers must evaluate choking or potential choking incidents with their monthly accident/incident check logs.

Section 16:**What is the nursery policy on safer sleeping?**

The nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework 2025 guidance on safer sleeping.

What procedures does Nursery have to prevent cot death?

The potential of cot death is a great concern. Our safe sleeping procedures require the following:

- When placing the baby in a cot always place them on their back - we MUST have specific WRITTEN consent from parents for children less than one year of age to sleep on their tummy and be clear that this is not recommended by cot death prevention pressure groups.
- Children should sleep at the recommended temperature of between 16 and 20 degrees. Rooms above this temperature must be cooled. Rooms below this temperature must be warmed. It is preferable to be at the lower end of the recommended temperatures, e.g. 16, 17, or 18 degrees.
- All children under 1 year must be carefully monitored. They must be checked for breathing and body temperature at least every ten minutes, and preferably every five minutes. If babies are hot covers must be removed and they must be cooled. There is a log to record this.
- Temperatures must be recorded as indicated on the chart. These charts must be filed.
- Light weight fabrics or light weight blankets are used for sleep. Quilts are not allowed in the Nursery.
- Children who have been unwell or just been inoculated require special monitoring.
- Children's heads must NEVER be covered.
- Babies must be placed at the foot of the bed "Feet to foot position" to prevent the child wiggling under the covers.
- Children under four must never sleep with or on cushions or pillows. Toys must be away from the face nose and mouth.
- If children fall asleep on the cushions it enhances the risk of cot death. The child must be put on a Nursery bed.
- If beds are placed closer together than 1m then children must be placed in a 'top and tail' position on alternate beds.
- Babies who have recently had inoculations must be monitored more closely as there is evidence of higher rates of cot death shortly after inoculations.
- Children must NEVER be placed in a bouncer or rocker to be put to sleep. All children are to be placed onto a Nursery bed and patted gently if needed.

Section 17:**What safety procedures does Children-First have for electrical and gas equipment?****What gas equipment checks are in place?**

Gas appliances are checked annually and are under contract. Carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms have been fitted in the Nurseries in relevant places. Each Nursery has appropriate ventilation in the kitchen.

What electrical equipment checks are in place?

The electrical equipment at Nursery is PAT tested annually by our known contractor. Plug sockets are generally high and out of children's reach. Covers are used to protect from children from electric shock when sockets are low. Plug sockets must not be over-loaded with adapters. Outdoor electric sockets are at a high level and covered under shelter or have specialist outdoor socket safety covers.

Section 18:**What is COSHH and how does COSHH affect Nursery?****What is COSHH?**

COSHH stands for the, 'Control of Substances Hazardous to Health' and under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Children-First needs to either prevent or reduce the children and staff exposure to substances that are potentially hazardous to their health.

How are hazardous substances stored?

All hazardous substances such as cleaning chemicals are stored at high levels or in locked cupboards out of children's reach. All hazardous substances are labelled clearly with the name, ingredients and what to do if ingested or spilled. Should any incident take place action must be taken as outlined in the incident section of this policy.

Where do we purchase chemicals and hazardous substances?

All chemicals are purchased from our known supplier. Our supplier provides us with the COSHH for the product.

How are staff trained and informed?

All team members are COSHH trained on-line. Full COSHH lists are provided in the Nursery Health and Safety folder. Further staff training must be provided if an incident, or accident occurs.

Section 19:**What is manual handling and how is it managed?****How is manual handling defined?**

The HSE defines manual handling in the amended Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992. The Regulations define manual handling as: *"...any transporting or supporting of a load (including the lifting, putting down, pushing, pulling, carrying or moving thereof) by hand or bodily force"*.¹² Dec 2012. Lifting or carrying children, resources, supplies or equipment is therefore defined as manual handling. Bodily force in Nursery is inappropriate and subject to disciplinary investigation and action.

What is the policy surrounding manual handling?

Training is provided for staff as part of the Nursery induction, with regards to manual handling. Staff are required to lift children where necessary as well as lifting and moving equipment and resources when needed. Refresher training is provided for staff. When team members are pregnant a risk is undertaken at intervals during their pregnancy which includes manual handling and lifting children for nappy changes or other reasons. For staff with specific health issues related to their back risk assessments are also taken. When necessary advice required from their GP or other medical professional.

Section 20:**How and when is lone working allowed in the Nursery?****Are team members required to work alone?**

Team members may be required to work alone if ratios allow for times such as sleep times, toileting or accessing different areas of the Nursery. Staff members working alone must be qualified and Suitable People. Team members may also be lone workers when cooking, clearing the kitchen, preparing snacks, dealing with laundry, conducting risk assessments, during outsourced training and other legitimate Nursery activities that require lone work. CF Suitable People may work alone in the office.

What is in place to support and monitor lone working at Nursery?

Rooms in the Nursery are open plan and team members are able to call for help if needed at any time. The office door is always open unless a meeting is taking place. If the office door is closed, the position of the office means that those staff in a meeting will be able to hear a team member call for support. Support must be given immediately. Managers working in the office constantly monitor lone working and the rooms via the CCTV cameras which are placed throughout the Nursery.

Section 21:**What role does staff training, Induction and first aid training have in the Nursery?****Why is training important?**

Regular training is essential to ensure an outstanding Nursery provision for the children, and for staff personal development.

What training are staff given for first aid and safety?

Staff inductions provide full training on health and all Nursery policies, Team members complete first aid training detailed in the first aid section of this policy and online safety training. The following online training is provided for staff with relevant and particular responsibilities:

- Fire warden,
- Fire safety,
- Food hygiene,
- COSHH training,
- Food allergy awareness where it is needed.
- Any other training required in the interests of running the Nursery safely and effectively.

Section 22:**What forms does the Nursery use and where are they?**

The following forms should be used when appropriate and by relevant team members:

- Accident form, Family app
- Incident form Family app,
- Head injury form,
- Monthly accident/incident analysis form,
- Visitors record,
- Outings form,
- Outdoor monitor form,

Name:	Date:
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Parents must always be contacted when a child bumps their head or face. Observations need to take place every five minutes for the first hour and then every fifteen minutes until the child is collected. In the event of sickness, drowsiness or any other behaviour or symptoms that are out of character for the child the Manager must be informed immediately.

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Policy 6:

Safety Policy

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Parent sign:

Date:

Monthly Accident And Incident Form.

This form must be completed on the last day of each month, please ensure this goes at the front of each months Accident forms

Numb er of accid ents this	How many accide nts are related	What control measures, if any have been implemented?	What areas need ongoing monitoring ?	List of children that have had multiple	Are accidents or incidents related?	What does Nursery need to monitor?

Manager or Coordinator (only)

Signature.....

Date.....

Visitor's record

Details of ID checks must be included, such as driving licence, passport, Ofsted ID etc.

Visitor's Name	Reason for visit	Visitor's Signature	Da te	Tim e In	Signed in by	Ti me	Signed out by	ID Chec

Policy 8:
Safety Policy

Updated February 2019

Trip Monitor-To be completed by the person in charge of the trip

THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT FOR TWO YEARS – Staff must take first aid equipment children's Epipens, as stated in the policy and at least one well charged mobile phone without a camera. The numbers of mobile phones taken must be left in the Nursery.

To be completed for every local trip without exception.

Destination:		Room:	
Date:		Time out: Time in:	
Risk assessment completed: Yes/No		First aid bag and phone taken:	
Staff register	Out	Child register	In

Lead practitioner sign out:	Lead practitioner sign in:
Manager sign out:	Manager sign in:

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Outdoor monitor form

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Please note that the temperature of the garden should be taken every 15 minutes. Children's sun cream to be applied 15 -30 minutes before they go out and while outside. Ensure that the children are offered a drink every 15 – 30 minutes.