



Supervision of children

At Rising stars, we believe that the supervision of children is paramount. It is the duty of all staff, parents, visitors, students and volunteers in the setting to supervise the children in their care suitably.

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- Whether children are in or out of the building, they must always be supervised.
- Be aware that children can drown in only a few centimetres of water; children must always be fully supervised when using water play/paddling pools.
- Special care should be taken when children are using large apparatus e.g. slide, and when walking up or down steps/stairs.
- A member of staff must always supervise large outdoor play equipment.
- When outdoors, staff must be aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants.
- Children must always be supervised when eating.
- Children must be carefully supervised when using scissors while cutting paper.
- Children must be carefully supervised when using knives for cooking activities.
- During outings staff/child ratios will be increased to ensure supervision and safety (please refer to Outings policy)
- If the setting has hired a bouncy castle for the day then strict safety guidelines should be followed as laid down by the hiring company. A member of staff **MUST** always supervise the children.
- Staff should supervise children using toilet for too long.
- Staff must supervise children whilst sleeping.
- Staff must be vigilant of children wandering out of their rooms and around the nursery.
- Staff must be aware of how many children are in their care at any given time
- Staff must always be supervising children during day to day activities and freeplay.