

# 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.