



HUMPTY DUMPTY PRE-SCHOOL

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OUTINGS POLICY

Staff/Parents Pack

Here at Humpty Dumpty Pre-school, off-site visits are activities arranged by us the Pre-school, and which take place outside the Pre-school grounds. All off-site activities serve an educational purpose, enhancing and enriching our children's learning experiences.

In this policy we seek to establish a clear and coherent structure for the planning and evaluation of our off-site visits, and to ensure that any risks are managed and kept to a minimum, for the safety and health of all children at all times. Within these limits we seek to make our visits available to all pupils, and wherever possible to make them accessible to those with disabilities.

Aims

The aims of our off-site visits are to:

- Enhance curricular and recreational opportunities for our children

- Provide a wider range of experiences for our children than could be provided on the pre-school site alone.

- Promote the independence of our children as learners, and enable them to grow and develop in new learning environments.

Risk Assessments will be carried out by the Manager prior to the visit and first aid equipment will be taken on the day. We will ask parents/carers to sign a consent form in advance of such outings and will offer opportunities for parents/carers to accompany their child and the Pre-school on the outing.

The Humpty Dumpty Pre-school Manager is involved in the planning and management of off-site visits.

The Manager will:

- Ensure that risk assessments are complete
- Assign competent staff to lead and help with trips
- Organise related staff training
- Make sure that all necessary permissions and medical forms are obtained
- Keep records of visits, and ensure there are regular generic assessments of the risks (example road crossings) where there are frequent visits to local venues (example the Park)

It is our policy that all children should be able to participate in educational visits. Where a child with a disability is eligible for a trip, we will make every effort to ensure that she/he is included. We may seek guidance from parents to help us adapt our programme, and we will make any reasonable adjustments to our itinerary to include a child with disabilities. Any such adjustments will be included in the risk assessment.

Risk Assessment

A comprehensive risk assessment is carried out by the Manager before the proposed visit. It will assess the risks which might be encountered on the visit, and will indicate measures to prevent or reduce them. The risk assessment should be based on the following consideration:

- What are the hazards?
- Who might be affected by them?
- What safety measures are needed to reduce risks to an acceptable level?
- Can the group leader put the safety measures in place?
- What steps will be taken in an emergency?

When planning an off-site activity we will make a preliminary visit to the venue, in order to carry out an on-site risk assessment. It is important to take into account the probable weather conditions at the time of year proposed for the trip, and that the Manager will take into careful consideration the facilities available, with due regard to the proposed size of the group. We will also assess the site's suitability with regard to the age and particular needs of the children. We will also consider the venue's own approach to security and to health and safety.

It is important to assess and record any health, safety or security issues that are identified during the preliminary visit. Any such issues will be taken into account when the final decision is taken on whether the visit should proceed, and the visit plan must state both the extent of any risks involved and the measures that will be taken to reduce or eliminate them. We the Managers leading the visit must complete a Pre-school visit assessment check list and keep in the risk assessment file.

Communication with parents

The parents of children taking part in an off-site activity should be provided with all appropriate information about the intended visit. Parents must give their permission before a child can be involved in any off-activities. This is normally done during the registration process.

Further health and safety considerations

All adults accompanying a party will be made aware by us the Managers of the emergency procedures which will apply. The Manager will carry the emergency contact numbers together with a list of everyone, children and adults, travelling with the party.

The safety of the party, and especially the children, is of paramount importance. During the activity we the Managers will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that safety. This involves taking note of any information provided by medical registration forms, and ensuring that children are both safe and well looked after at all times.

Visit plan

The visit plan for intended educational visits must include the following:

- Risk assessment
- Report on preliminary visit
- General information
- Names, ages, contact details, permission forms, medical records and other
- Relevant details of all those going on the visit.
- Travel schedule
- Full plan of activities
- Fire precautions and evacuation procedures
- Intended arrangements for supervision
- Insurance arrangements for all members of the group
- Emergency contacts and procedures
- General communications information

Guidance for Managers

Guidance for the Emergency Contact and Managers

Medical questionnaire returns

First-aid boxes, inhalers, Epi-pens if needed, and individual prescribed medicines

Operational procedures for outings

The same standard of care and interaction with the children is expected of staff, volunteers and students on outings.

The staff's prime responsibility on outings is to ensure the safety of the children.

However they will be expected to balance this responsibility with ensuring that children have the maximum opportunity to experience and explore new environments, to socialise and to have fun.

Procedures where a child is lost on an outing

If the Pre-school's policies and procedures are being observed the likelihood of a child being lost is small. Very occasionally a child may become separated from the group on an outing or becoming lost.

With careful planning and co-operative working amongst staff, children should not be out of sight of an adult during an outing

If it is realised that a child is no longer with the group, staff should look carefully all around without leaving the group.

That member of staff's key children should be re-allocated to other members of staff, the Pre-school Manager will contact the parents immediately.

The police will be informed and all the children will be returned to the Pre-school. At the end of the day the Manager will complete an incident report.

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It will be renewed annually