

Risk Assessment Policy

Lincolnshire Educational Support uses its risk assessment systems to ensure that Lincolnshire Educational Support is a safe and secure place for children and staff. All staff are expected to undertake risk assessments as part of their routine tasks. In line with current health and safety legislation and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, Lincolnshire Educational Support will carry out regular risk assessments and take appropriate action to deal with any hazards or risks identified. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure that risk assessments are conducted, monitored and acted upon.

Risk assessments will be carried out:

- whenever there is any change to equipment or resources
- when there is any change to Lincolnshire Educational Support's premises
- when the particular need of a child necessitates this
- when we take the children on an outing or visit.

Not all risk assessments need to be written down. Staff will decide, in consultation with the manager, which risk assessments need to be formally recorded.

However, risk assessments related to employment and the working environment will always be recorded in writing so that staff can refer to them. If changes are required to Lincolnshire Educational Support's policies or procedures as a result of the risk assessment, the manager will update the relevant documents and inform all staff.

Daily checks Before the children arrive at Lincolnshire Educational Support each day, we will complete a daily environment check form/carry out a visual inspection of the equipment and the whole premises (indoors and out) to ensure that hazards are removed, and repairs are implemented in a timely manner.

During the course of the session, staff will remain alert to any potential risks to health and safety. If a member of staff discovers a hazard during the course of a session, they will make the area safe (eg by cordoning it off) and then notify the manager. The manager will ensure that any actions needed to mitigate the immediate hazard have been taken and will implement measures to prevent the incident from recurring. Recording dangerous events, the manager will record all accidents and dangerous events on the Incident or Accident Record sheets as soon as possible after the incident. If the incident affected a child, the record will be kept on the child's file. Lincolnshire Educational Support will monitor Incident and Accident Records to see whether any pattern to the occurrences can be identified. Related policies See our related policies: Fire Safety and Risk Assessment, Health and Safety, and Manual Handling.

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare requirements: Child Protection [3.4-3.8] and Suitable People [3.9-3.13]*.