

Peter Pan Playgroup Outdoor Safety Policy

Outdoor play is essential for all aspects of a child's development. It provides children with experiences which enable them to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically. In doing so, it provides opportunities to develop their communication skills and encourages positive attitudes towards a healthy lifestyle.

We aim to ensure that all the time spent in our outdoor area is safe and enjoyable for all the children.

- Staff will carry out daily risk assessments both first thing in the morning and just before taking children into the garden.
- This will include checking that the garden is safe and secure and that there are no risks in the immediate area around the garden. Also, ensuring all resources and equipment are safe.
- Staff outdoors will always be aware of the safety of the children in the garden in their care, they will be vigilant at all times
- Children will be counted before entering the garden and escorted safely across the road.
- Regular headcounts to be undertaken and the number of children and staff recorded. This must be updated if children go in and out of the garden. All children will be counted in at the end of the garden session.
- Children will never be left in the garden unattended
- At the end of each garden session the staff member remaining in the garden will check to ensure all children have gone inside paying particular attention to houses, tunnels etc.
- A phone must be taken into the garden in case of emergency
- If staff become aware of a safety concern in the surrounding area the manager/supervisor will be made aware and the children brought back into the hall as quickly and safely as possible.