

Safety and Suitability of Premises Policy

At Tuba's Play House, we are committed to providing a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for all children. We ensure that our premises are suitable for the care and education of young children in line with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS 2025) and Sutton Council guidance.

Safety of Premises

All areas of the premises are checked daily to ensure they are safe, clean, and free from hazards. Regular risk assessments are carried out on indoor and outdoor spaces, equipment, and resources, and these are reviewed and updated as required. Unsafe or damaged items are removed immediately.

Security

The premises are kept secure at all times. Entrance doors and gates are locked, and only authorised persons are permitted entry. Visitors are supervised at all times while on the premises. Children are only released to authorised adults as agreed with parents and carers.

Emergency Procedures

We have clear procedures for emergencies such as fire, flood, severe weather, and lockdown (intruder or community risk). For evacuations, children are taken to a designated safe place, and if necessary, to an alternative safe location. For lockdown, children are moved to a secure area indoors, doors and windows are locked, curtains or blinds closed, and children are reassured and kept calm until it is safe. Emergency procedures are practised regularly so that children and adults are confident and prepared.

Safe Sleep and Sun Safety

We follow safe sleep guidance to reduce the risk of sudden infant death. Babies are always placed on their backs to sleep, with no loose bedding or toys in cots, and are checked frequently while sleeping. We also ensure children are protected during hot weather by providing shaded areas, encouraging regular drinks, and ensuring the use of sun hats and sun cream (with parental consent).

Suitability and Inclusion

We ensure our environment is inclusive and accessible for all children, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Adaptations are made where necessary to support children's participation in activities and to ensure safety. Resources and layouts are regularly reviewed to promote independence, inclusion, and safety.

Hygiene and Maintenance

Premises and equipment are cleaned and maintained to a high standard. Toilets, changing areas, and handwashing facilities are kept hygienic and age-appropriate. Regular checks are carried out to ensure equipment and facilities remain safe and suitable.

Review and Update

This policy is reviewed annually, or sooner if legislation, EYFS requirements, or Sutton Council guidance changes. Updates are shared with parents and carers to ensure transparency and trust.