

Weddington Primary Out of Hours Club PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Our Club is committed to providing children with a stimulating and safe environment. We will do all we can to make our premises welcoming and friendly to children, their parents/carers and any other visitors. The club's premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for its purpose. The environment and atmosphere of the club is welcoming to children and offers access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied programme of activities.

The club is committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to facilities, activities and play opportunities; including children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (for further details see the Special Needs policy).

The manager is responsible for ensuring that the club's premises are clean, well-lit with daylight, the main source of light, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature. Daily risk assessments are carried out, to ensure that the facilities are maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.

The club will do all it can to maintain an open room layout, allowing children to choose from a variety of play opportunities. All children will have adequate space to play and interact freely.

There is adequate space for storing the entire Club's equipment safely and securely.

No child will be allowed to access the kitchen area. If cooking activities are taking place children will be allowed in the kitchen with strict adult supervision.

Outdoor Play

Any outdoor play will take place in safe secure and well-supervised spaces. A thorough safety check and risk assessment will take place before any outdoor activities commence.

Outdoor play areas will be well maintained and free from holes, bumps or uneven surface areas. Ponds, drains, pools or any unnatural water will be made safe or inaccessible to children.

Staff will make sure there is a regular supply of water available to children at all times, especially in hot conditions. In such circumstances, staff will also ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun. Parents/Carers to provide adequate sun protection, eg hats and sun cream, which will be applied by the child with adult supervision.

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