

### **PSCL Health and Safety Policy and Procedure**

We are required to take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well. Children achieve best when they are healthy, safe and secure. We strive to create a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where all children can grow in confidence.

- We ensure that the premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose.
- We ensure that spaces, furniture and equipment are safe for children to use.
- Our setting is secure.
- We keep the setting and equipment clean and comply with health and safety legislation.
- We will identify and deal with any accidents, hazards and faulty equipment, which will be recorded appropriately.

### **Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment**

- In order to ensure child's safety in the setting we have a range of safety equipment e.g. mats for dance, low compression balls and plastic equipment instead of wooden which are checked regularly to ensure they are in good repair.
- The smoke alarms are tested regularly, and fire drills are carried out and recorded. Parents, carers and children are aware of our emergency evacuation procedure.
- Our premises are secure to ensure children's safety and prevent intruders and we have a procedure for checking the identity of visitors.
- We have a risk assessment policy that details how we manage and assess risk.
- All equipment used in our centres is regularly checked for damage and wear and tear and replaced when necessary, for example worn hockey sticks and cricket bats.
- All coaches hold a current emergency first aid certificate.

### **Health**

- We encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing.
- We encourage children to eat healthily when bringing in snacks and packed lunches.
- We stress the importance of leading a healthy, active lifestyle.
- All of our holiday course settings are 'nut free'. Correspondence to inform and remind parents / carers of this is sent out prior to the holiday course starting.
- All coaches help promote these ideas by leading by example and demonstrating these practices.

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