

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

In the event of an emergency please see our emergency procedure link below.

1. Emergency procedure policy linked below
2. Weather policy linked below
3. Food hygiene - wash hands before and after handling and eating food. Clean containers and cooler bags used for refrigerated items and to be consumed within one hour.
4. Food waste and general waste removed from site.
5. Mains water tap is drinking water on site
6. Toileting needs - refer to individual risk assessment (see example linked below) and level of support (privacy and independent promoted at all times). Hand washing and hand gel available after toileting at all times.
7. Tree climbing - is only allowed to a height of 2 metres and based on individual risk assessment (as some children are not risk aware enough to complete this activity). we teach three points of contact and weight bearing on branches no thinner than their thigh, no climbing across to neighbouring trees. All trees are risk assessed as fit for climbing or not, one: one supervision provided at all times.
8. Rope parameter of the woodland is shown and regularly reiterated.
9. General risks such as sticks, trips, stings, and poisonous plants are shown and identified and regularly discussed and reiterated. Children are supervised at all times.
10. Swings, ropes and frames are routinely safety checked for use.
11. Based on individual risk assessment - parent/caregiver to remain in session, on site or within 3 mile radius with walkie talkie and mobile phone contact at all times.
12. Communicating ground rules is assessed on an individual basis as part of individual risk assessment.
13. Opportunities for fire lighting and tool use is assessed in the individualised risk assessment and are only used as part of a child's individual therapeutic goals. Instructions and adaptations of these activities are graded based on child capacity and need.
14. Accessing the working farm yard is prohibited at all times and parents informed prior to arrival. Main gate to be kept shut at all times.

CONSENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Parents signing the consent form are agreeing for their child to be risk assessed by their individual occupational therapist. Risks will be assessed on the basis of:

1. Danger awareness e.g. climbing trees, stinging nettles
2. Fight / flight risks
3. Eating unsafe items e.g. berries, mushrooms, non edibles
4. Fire safety
5. Handling tools
6. Mobility
7. Toileting
8. Eating (choking, aspiration)
9. Self-harm
10. Engagement issues e.g. oppositional, demand avoidance
11. Medical conditions e.g. seizures, allergies and medication/emergency procedures outlined specifically in risk assessment
12. Safeguarding concerns requiring 2:1 supervision to access occupational therapy safely (parent remaining present in sessions for safe guarding and/or behavioural reasons)

At Ambroise Farm, if risks are assessed as beyond the capacity of the team and site at Ambroise Farm, we will sign post referrals to a more appropriate settings where possible.

FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT

Car park adjacent to the apple orchard by Ambroise Farm entrance.

FIRST AID

All staff are fully outdoor First Aid trained and carry First Aid kits. Risk assessments are completed. Injuries will be treated accordingly and reported to the parent/guardian.

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