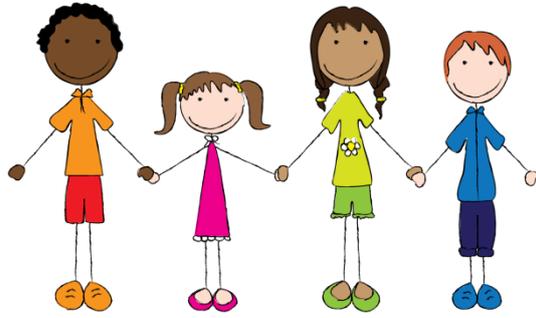


W.A.S.P.S

Wheathampstead After School Play Scheme



Fire Safety and Risk Assessment

W.A.S.P.S. understands the importance of fire safety. To this end:

- Staff are aware of the location of all fire exits, the fire assembly point and where fire safety equipment is stored.
- Children are introduced to the fire safety procedures during their settling in period and through regular fire drills.
- Fire drills are conducted at least once a month or whenever new staff or children join the club.
- All children are shown the location of fire exits and the fire assembly point.
- Fire doors and fire exits are clearly marked, are not obstructed at any time and are easily opened from the inside.
- Fire doors are kept closed at all times but never locked.
- Fire extinguishers, fire alarms and smoke alarms are regularly tested by Beech Hyde School
- All fire drills are recorded in the **Fire Drill Log**.
- The Club has notices explaining the fire procedures which are positioned next to every fire exit.

Fire prevention

The Club will take all steps possible to prevent fires occurring by:

- Ensuring that power points are not overloaded with adaptors.
- Ensuring that the Club's No Smoking policy is always observed.
- Checking for frayed or trailing wires.
- Checking that fuses are replaced safely.
- Unplugging all equipment before leaving the premises.
- Storing any potentially flammable materials safely.

In the event of a fire

- A member of staff will raise the alarm, call the emergency services and get the iPad if safe to do so.
- The children will immediately be escorted out of the building to the assembly point using the nearest marked exit.
- No attempt will be made to collect personal belongings, or to re-enter the building after evacuation.
- The premises will be checked by the Fire Safety Officer and the register will be collected, providing that it is safe to do so she will close windows and doors to prevent the fire spreading.
- The register will be taken and all children and staff accounted for.
- If anyone is missing from the register, the emergency services will be informed.
- If the register is not available the manager will use the emergency contact list on the iPad.
- If the fire safety play worker is not available on site the manager will appoint another member of staff to carry out the duties.

Responsibilities of the fire safety play worker

Wasps designated Fire Safety Officer is, Vanessa Kenneford.

The Fire Safety Officer is responsible for carrying out the fire safety risk assessment and for ensuring that all staff are made aware of fire safety procedures during their Induction period.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires that a fire safety risk assessment is undertaken for the workplace based on The Department of Communities and Local Government's 5 step guide:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14899/fsra-5-step-checklist.pdf

The risk assessment should cover:

- Identifying potential fire risks
- Identifying people at risk
- Evaluating the risks arising from the hazards identified and the means of minimising those risks
- Recording the hazards, preparing a fire prevention plan and sharing these with other members of staff
- Reviewing the fire safety risk assessment on a regular basis.
- Ensure that Emergency Contact details are recorded with easy access in the case of an emergency with copies off site if possible

The Fire Safety Officer should liaise with the local Fire and Rescue Service for further advice and should ensure that Emergency Contact details are recorded at the front of the register and a copy stored off premises.

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Signed: <i>Susie Wood</i>	Date to be reviewed: December 2024

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