

8.5 Fire Safety and emergency Evacuation

Policy Statement

At Privett Montessori Nursery School we make sure that there is a safe environment for children, parents, staff and visitors through our fire safety policy and procedures.

The Nursery School Manager makes sure the nursery premises are compliant with fire safety regulations, including following any major changes or alterations to the premises and seeks advice from the local fire safety officer as necessary.

The Nursery School manager has overall responsibility for the fire drill and evacuation procedures. These are carried out and recorded every three months or as and when a large change occurs, e.g. a large intake of children or a new member of staff joins the nursery. These drills will occur at different times of the day and on different days to ensure evacuations are possible under different circumstances and all children and staff participate in the rehearsals.

The Nursery School Manager designated fire marshal checks fire detection and control equipment and fire exits in line with the timescales in the checklist below.

Fire checklist	Who checks?	How often?	Location?
Escape route/fire exits (all fire exits must be clearly identifiable)			
Fire extinguishers and blankets			
Evacuation pack			
Smoke/heat alarms			
Fire alarms			
Fire doors closed, in good repair, doors free of obstruction and easily opened from the inside			

Registration

An accurate record of all staff and children present in the building must be kept at all times and children/staff must be marked in and out on arrival and departure. An accurate record of visitors must be kept in the visitor's book. These records must be taken out along with the register and emergency contacts list in the event of a fire.

No smoking policy

The nursery operates a strict no smoking policy – please see this separate policy for details.

Fire drill procedure

On discovering a fire:

- Calmly raise the alarm by *blowing the whistle/*ringing the bell/*breaking the alarm glass
- Immediately evacuate the building under guidance from the *manager on duty/*fire marshal
- Using the nearest accessible exit lead the children out, assemble at **the village church**
- Close all doors behind you wherever possible
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings on evacuating the building
- Do not attempt to go back in and fight the fire
- Do not attempt to go back in if any children or adults are not accounted for
- Wait for emergency services and report any unaccounted persons to the fire service/police.

If you are unable to evacuate safely:

- Stay where you are safe
- Keep the children calm and together
- Wherever possible alert the manager of your location and the identity of the children and other adults with you.

The Nursery School manager is to:

- Pick up the children’s register, staff register, mobile phone, keys, visitor book and fire bag/evacuation pack (containing emergency contacts list, nappies, wipes and blankets)
- Telephone emergency services: dial 999 and ask for the fire service
- In the fire assembly point area to check the children against the register
- Account for all adults: staff and visitors
- Advise the fire service of anyone missing and possible locations and respond to any other questions they may have.

Remember

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Change log		
This policy was changed on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Reason for change
7/08/2020	Veronica van Ingen	Adoption of policy
27/10/2021	Veronica van Ingen	No changes, part of annual review