

ALL SAINTS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Play Policy

Our Club aims to encourage confidence, independence and enjoyment through its programme of activities.

The aim of this Policy is to promote individual choice and freedom that children enjoy during play, ensuring that all children can learn and develop as individuals in a safe environment.

The Management Committee are committed to providing quality play in an organised and safe setting, this will be achieved by ensuring that all staff, students and volunteers work with the policies and follow the procedures at all times.

The management ensures that the provision extends the choice that children have over their play and the freedom they enjoy by the variety of toys, games and equipment that the club has purchased for both indoor and outdoor play.

Planned activities are arranged on a weekly basis, enabling all the children to take part. The indoor activities include, art & crafts, role play, construction, board games, card games, pool and snooker, cookery etc. Outdoor activities include, skipping, ball games, hop scotch, use of bikes & scooters etc., and very active imaginations.

The Club uses the after school club room for play on the wii (e.g dance party) to encourage healthy competition, fun and exercise when we are not permitted to play outdoors. Games and use of the lap tops if they want to practice on tt rockstars, hit the button or bug club. This is supervised by members of the team.

Promoting individual choice allows children to choose their own play activity, encouraging independence and self-esteem. All children are praised for their efforts and good behaviour; they also have the opportunity to share their skills with other children. The children's work is displayed on the website with their permission or on our Club boards.

The Club recognises that children need to test boundaries. For this reason, the Club works daily with the Risk Assessment Policy. Checks are made both indoor and outdoor daily, all areas and equipment are checked for safety. The system in place ensures that the play environment offers challenge, stimulation and delight, whilst free from unacceptable levels of risk.

The Club ensures appropriate supervision is provided for the children by working on a one to eight ratio within our early years setting at all times. All persons applying to work, or working, at the Club have to have CRB checks. Staff in the Club are qualified to NVQ Level 2/3 and there is always a First Aider and Fire Marshall on duty at the Club. Staff are invited to attend various workshops and courses that are appropriate to their role of working with children.

A designated play worker uses a tick list system before sessions to ensure that all areas and equipment are safe and in good repair. The daily checks are reported to the Manager and equipment in need of repair is removed immediately.

This Policy was agreed and adopted by the Management Committee.

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Agreed & Signed by : (Manager)

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