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| **Little Learning Ladder****fire safety**  |

The manager has overall responsibility for the fire drill and evacuation procedures. These are carried out and recorded for each group of children 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.

**Fire checklist**

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|  | Who checks | How often | Location  |
| Escape route/fire exits  | Nursery Manager Fire Warden | Daily |  |
| Fire extinguishers and blankets | Nursery ManagerFire Warden | Monthly |  |
| Smoke/heat alarms | Nursery ManagerFire Warden | Weekly |  |
| Fire alarms | Nursery ManagerFire Warden | Weekly |  |
| Fire doors closed and in good repair | Nursery ManagerFire Warden | Daily |  |

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 breaking the alarm glass
* Immediately evacuate the building under guidance from the manager on duty
* Using the nearest accessible exit lead the children out, assemble at the**car park***, (Subject to peninsula’s confirmation*)
* Close all doors behind youwherever possible
* *Insert any specific instructions for evacuation of children or adults located above or below ground level*
* *Insert any specific instructions for evacuating babies*
* *Insert any specific instructions for evacuating children or adults with mobility difficulties*
* **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.

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 identity of the children and other adults with you.

The manager and team leader of each room is to:

* Pick up the children’s register, staff register, mobile phone, keys, visitor book and fire bag (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 – *(insert location)* check the children against the register
* Account for all adults - staff and visitors
* Advise the fire services of anyone missing and possible locations and respond to any other questions they may have.

**Remember**

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Internal use only

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