

Supervision of Children

At Pine Rivers, we aim to always protect and support the welfare of the children in our care. The nursery manager/director is responsible for all staff, students and relief staff.

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We ensure that children are always supervised adequately, whether children are in or out of the building through:

- Making sure that every child is always within the sight and/or hearing of a suitably vetted member of staff. Monitoring staff deployment across the setting regularly to ensure children's needs are met
- Ensuring children are fully always supervised when using water play/paddling pools as we are aware that children can drown in only a few centimetres of water.
- Taking special care when children are using large apparatus e.g., a climbing frame, and when walking up or down steps/stairs, obstacle courses
- Staff will support children to identify, minimise and manage risks in their play
- Making sure staff recognise and are aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants when on visits/outdoors
- Supervising children always when eating; monitoring toddlers and babies closely and never leaving babies alone with a bottle. Children should always be within sight when eating.
- Signing children in and out on the registers.
- Conducting regular head count throughout the day during different transitions, outing, going in and out the garden, events changing rooms etc
- Supervising sleeping babies/children and never leaving them unattended
- Never leaving babies/children unattended during nappy changing times
- Supervising children carefully when using scissors or tools, including using knives in cooking activities where this is required
- Increasing staff: child ratios during outings to ensure supervision and safety (please refer to Outings policy)
- Strictly following any safety guidelines given by other organisations or companies relating to the hire of equipment or services e.g. hire of a bouncy castle and a member of staff MUST always supervise the children.