



COUNTESS GYTHA PRESCHOOL

Outdoors

- All gates and fences are childproof, safe and secure.
- Areas are to be checked daily to make sure animal droppings, litter, glass etc. is removed.
- Bushes or overhanging trees are checked to ensure they do not bear poisonous berries.
- Stinging nettles and brambles are removed if they pose a risk to younger children.
- Wooden equipment is maintained safely and not used if broken.
- Wooden equipment is sanded and varnished as required.
- Broken climbing equipment or outdoor toys are removed and reported to the setting manager.
- Children are always supervised within ratios outside.
- Children are suitably attired for the weather conditions and type of outdoor activities.
- Sun cream (if parents have given permission) is applied and hats are worn during the summer months. Outdoor play is avoided in extreme heat between noon and 3pm.
- Children who have no adequate means of sun protection, such as a hat, long sleeves and trousers or sun cream, will not be able to play outdoors in unshaded areas.
- Children are supervised on climbing equipment, especially younger children.
- Water play is not left out but is cleared, cleaned and stored after each use.
- Receptacles are left upturned to prevent the collection of rainwater, this is important in areas where there are vermin to prevent urine/faeces contaminating the water.
- Outdoor areas that have flooded are not used until cleaned down and restored.

Drones

If there are any concerns about a 'drone' being flown over the outdoor area, that may compromise the children's safety or privacy, the setting manager will inform the head teacher, and the police will be contacted on 101.

- Children will be brought inside immediately.
- The police will have their own procedures to follow and will act accordingly.
- If at any point following the incident, photographs taken by a drone emerge on social media that could identify the nursery or individual children, these are reported to the police.

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