



Kilkenny Preschool

Water Safety procedure

Aim

The aim of this procedure is to minimise and prevent any hazards that may result in accidents or illnesses related to water based activities.

Implementation

We here at Kilkenny Preschool value water play as a sensory experience that develops children's learning and wellbeing through exploration, curiosity, imagination, and experimentation.

We recognise the importance of safety and supervision of children when in or around water. We understand there can be risks involved with water-based activities and will undertake measures to protect the health and safety of all children involved in water-based activities

To manage water hazards educators will:

- Complete and regularly review risk assessments before allowing children to engage in water-based activities at the service or on excursion and ensure all risks are minimised or eliminated where possible.
- Closely supervise children at all times, ensuring children are within reach (1-2m)
- Empty water vessels at the end of each session and store water vessels / containers in a manner to avoid filling of water when not in use (e.g. upright, upside down)
- Check premises after rain or regular watering to dissipate water that may have pooled in potholes or container.
- Fill water troughs with less than 300mm of water
- Ensure children with diarrhoea, upset stomachs, open sores or nasal infection do not play in water.
- In case of bodily fluids contaminating water: the vessel will be emptied immediately, washed out with warm soapy water and sanitised using Bacban, being left to air dry.

This procedure is consistent with the requirements of:

- Education and Care Services National Regulation Refer to R 168 (2) (a) (iii), R 101 (2) (b)
- DfE Preschool water safety procedure
- Kidsafe Water Safety in Education and Care Settings fact sheet

The Water Safety procedure will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure practices are consistent and up to date with current recommendations.

Approval:
Next review date: August 2023