



WATER SAFETY

Aim

The Little Village builds its philosophy on natural play and allowing the children to experience the joy of discovery. This is relevant to water play as well. The safety and supervision of children in and around water, however, is of the highest priority. This relates to water play, experiences near water and hygiene practices with water in the service environment. Children will be supervised at all times during water play experiences.

National Quality Standard

This policy links to the following NQS: National Quality Standards 2.1.1; 2.3.2; 7.3.5

Links to other policies

First Aid Administration Policy

Statutory legislation and consideration

- Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: 168
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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Strategy

To prevent child accidents and illnesses relating to swimming and wading pools and other water hazards, The Little Village will:

- Closely supervise children near water at all times, never leaving children alone near any water activities.
- Teach children about staying safe in and near water.
- Ensure water troughs or vessels for water play are filled to a safe level. Village Staff leave buckets, water play trough or any other water hazards unsupervised at any time. Empty troughs and buckets into the garden after use and place out of reach of children.
- Store equipment to prevent collection of water. Check garden after watering or rain and empty water that has collected in holes or containers.
- Ensure buckets of water used during cleaning after craft or throughout the day are to be only filled immediately before use, supervised by an adult while in use, and emptied immediately and cleaned thoroughly after use.
- Ensure that water it is safe and hygienic for consuming. Water containers will be securely sealed. At the end of each day the water container will be emptied and cleaned thoroughly.
- Have hot water accessible to children will be regulated at the temperature of 43.5°C. Thermostatic valves to be tested and serviced annually by a plumber.
- Restrict adults from carrying and consuming hot drinks in main rooms, and only have access to it in the staffroom.
- Conduct a risk assessment prior to any excursion, taking place near water. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water.
- Water for pets will be changed regularly, supervised by an adult at all times.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) guide must be displayed in each play room, according to the [First Aid Administration Policy](#).