

10. Fire Safety

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At **Purple Rocket Nursery** we make sure the nursery is a safe environment for children, parents, staff and visitors through our fire safety policy and procedures.

The manager **Susan Cowling** makes sure the nursery premises are compliant with fire safety regulations, including following any major changes or alterations to the premises and seeks advice from the local fire safety officer as necessary.

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

The manager checks fire detection and control equipment and fire exits in line with the timescales in the checklist below.

Fire checklist

Who checks
How often
Location

Escape route/fire exits (all fire exits must be clearly identifiable)

S.Cowling

Weekly

All

Fire extinguishers and blankets

S.Cowling

FireAppliance Provider

Weekly

Yearly

All

Evacuation pack

S.Cowling

Weekly

All

Smoke/heat alarms

S.Cowling

Weekly

All

Fire alarms

S.Cowling

Alarm Provider

Weekly

6 monthly

All

All

Fire doors closed, in good repair, doors free of obstruction and easily opened from the inside

S.Cowling

Weekly

All

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 blowing the whistle/breaking the alarm glass
- Immediately evacuate the building under guidance from the manager
- Using the nearest accessible exit lead the children out, assemble at **the front of the nursery in the car park away from the building.**
- Close all doors behind you wherever possible
- **If children and staff are trapped upstairs, the balcony door at the end of the landing to be used as a way of escape. Children to be passed down one by one to staff waiting below.**
- **All staff leaving the premises by the front door (and hence past the baby room) are to take a baby to help the baby room staff. Kitchen staff are to help evacuate babies**
- **Children and staff with mobility problems are to be supported by named responsible adults (or if not available by any member of staff who is present.)**
- 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
- Wait for emergency services and report any unaccounted persons to the fire service/police.

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 the identity of the children and other adults with you.

The manager is to:

- Pick up the children's register, staff register, mobile phone, keys, visitor book and fire bag/evacuation pack (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 – **car park at front of building** check the children against the register
- Account for all adults: staff and visitors
- Advise the fire service of anyone missing and possible locations and respond to any other questions they may have.

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This policy was adopted on

10/1/17

Signed on behalf of the nursery

S.Cowling

Date for review

10/1/18