

SECTION 3

General Welfare Requirement: Suitable premises, environment and equipment

Outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture and toys must be safe and suitable for their purpose.



7.6 Health and Safety: Emergency evacuations - Flooding

Policy Statement

We ensure our premises present no risk of flood by ensuring the highest possible standard of flood precautions. Where necessary we seek the advice of a competent person, such as a the Environment Agency.

EYFS key themes and commitments

1.3 Keeping safe		3.3 The learning environment 3.4 The wider context	
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Procedures

- The basis of flood prevention is risk assessment. These are carried out by a ‘competent person’.
- As we are in rented premises we will ensure that we have a copy of the flood risk assessment that applies to the building and that we contribute to regular reviews.
- Emergency exit doors are clearly marked, never obstructed and easily opened from the inside.
- Our emergency evacuation procedures are:
 - clearly displayed in the premises;
 - explained to new members of staff, volunteers and parents; and
 - practised regularly at least once every six weeks.
- Records are kept of drills.

This policy was adopted by Tamar Valley Pre-school at a meeting held on.....

Signed on behalf of the committee(chairperson)

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Flood Evacuation Procedure

- In the event of a flood, taking into account that the building is higher than the ground immediately outside staff will firstly check if it is safe to evacuate.
- If it is safe staff will immediately evacuate the building, calmly and quietly taking the children's contact details with them.
- They will then escort the children to the school or if this is closed the church. Staff will contact parents immediately to collect their children if possible. If the parents are unable to get to the premises due to flooding the staff will remain with the children until their parents or a carer can collect them.
- Should the staff feel it is unsafe to leave the setting, they will immediately call the emergency services to assist with evacuation, and remain on the premises until that help arrives. If possible they will contact parents to inform them of the situation.
- During such a time staff will try to keep the children as calm and secure as possible.