

Children must be supervised at all times during water play.

When putting out the paddling pools, one member of staff must fill the paddling pools with warm water to a reasonable depth and the other staff must be designated to watch the children.

During play in and around the paddling pool staff must continue to supervise carefully. Water can be a fun and frightening activity and staff need to be aware of individual children, supporting, encouraging and comforting them. Water must be poured away after use onto the garden and supervised if play continues in the vicinity, as water continues to be a hazard even when only a couple of inches deep, such as a puddle.

Indoor water trays must always be supervised, and lids replaced between activity sessions.

At the end of the afternoon session the water tray must be drained onto the garden and care taken that children are supervised in the vicinity. Fresh water should be used each day.

The area around the water tray must be mopped regularly to avoid any accidents such as slipping.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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