



Rosemary Nursery School

Hot Drinks Policy



A Hot Drinks Policy for Rosemary Nursery School

Hot drink scalds cause serious, sometimes permanent disfiguring injuries to children

The Early Years Public Health Work Programme Outcome 4 aims
"To reduce unintentional injury amongst babies and children"



Background

During 2011/2012, 54 children from Avon were scalded so badly they had to be admitted to a hospital bed. Hot drink scald injuries are entirely preventable.



The Facts

- Around nine out of ten serious scalds from hot drinks involve children under five.
- Every year, over 6,500 children under five visit hospital accident and emergency departments as a result of scalds from kettles and hot drinks.
- A hot drink can still scald a child 15 minutes after being made.
- A child's skin is up to 15 times thinner than the skin of an adult.



Aim

- To work in partnership with parents, carers and professionals providing a focus for discussing the issue of hot drinks scalds.
- To recognise dangers.
- To take action to avoid/remove risks.

- To ensure there are clear expectations – removing doubt and uncertainty.



Policy Statement

- No hot drinks will be available in any room where there are children present.
- Hot drinks may be offered in a designated, safe area, where there are no children present.
- If a child should be brought into a room where hot drinks are being consumed, then every effort must be taken to minimise potential risk to the child.
- All individuals delivering services at Rosemary Nursery School or at any of its outreach services **MUST** adhere to the hot drinks policy.
- All staff to use a lidded cup as the first priority.
- Any cups or mugs containing hot drinks must be transported from the kitchen areas to designated spaces in the containers provided for this purpose (e.g. large bowl).



Responsibilities

All staff have a responsibility to ensure the Hot Drinks Policy is adhered to at all times.



Communication of the policy

- The policy will be given to all new staff at induction
- The policy will be shared at team meetings.
- Outside agencies delivering services at the centre will be asked to familiarise themselves with the policy.
- A copy of the policy will be placed on the centre's website.



Policy Review

- The policy will be reviewed annually, updated with new information and ratified by governors.



References

Child Accident Prevention Trust www.capt.org.uk

Avonsafe Action for Safety

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Next Review: September 2023

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