



Bare foot policy: Hemdean / Milestone

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Policy statement

Playday is committed to ensuring that children attending nursery experience a safe early learning and childcare environment that is in line with all relevant legislation. When barefoot, children have a richer sensory experience; children can feel differences between textures and surfaces, make footprints, splash in water and squish mud between their toes. Going barefoot also nourishes, strengthens, and promotes agility in a child's growing feet, ankles, legs, knees, and hips. There was overwhelming support for children to be allowed to choose to be barefoot in the nursery when parents were consulted in 2016.

Children will have their shoes removed when entering the nursery and replaced before entering the garden.

Milestone: Provide children with crocs for the toilets.

This will also encourage independence.

To support this policy.

- PlayDay Nursery has a Health and Safety Policy that involves the use of regular risk assessment and regular maintenance of premises and equipment.
- Where breakages occur, the area is immediately closed to children until it is made safe.
- All accidents / incidents involving children / staff / anyone within the PlayDay Nursery Class premises are recorded.
- All accidents / incidents involving children are reported to parents / carers
- All accidents / incidents to staff and others that require to be reported to another authority are duly reported.
- All equipment designed to prevent an accident / incident will be regularly maintained.
- All equipment designed to tackle an accident / incident will be regularly maintained.

- In the event of a fire evacuation children's shoes will be uplifted when it is safe to do so however if this is to cause a time lapse children will be removed without footwear on.