



## Health and Safety Policy

TJ's Club (Hampshire) Ltd considers health and safety to be of utmost importance. We comply with The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 at all times.

The Club has appropriate insurance cover, including employer's liability insurance and public liability insurance.

Each member of staff follows the Club's **Health and Safety** policy and is responsible for:

- Maintaining a safe environment.
- Taking reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others attending the Club.
- Advising their line manager if there is a change in their personal circumstances or health which may pose a health and safety risk. This is to enable a risk assessment to be carried out and any reasonable adjustments to working conditions to be implemented.
- Reporting all accidents and incidents which have caused injury or damage or may do so in the future.
- Undertaking relevant health and safety training when required to do so by management.

Any member of staff who disregards safety instructions or recognised safe practices will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

### **Responsibilities of the registered person**

The registered person for the setting holds ultimate responsibility and liability for the safe operation of the Club. The Club's designated health and safety officer is Jo Little and she will ensure that:

- All staff receive information on health and safety matters, and receive training where necessary
- The **Health and Safety** policy and procedures are reviewed regularly
- Staff understand and follow health and safety procedures
- Resources are provided to meet the Club's health and safety responsibilities
- All accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are properly reported and recorded. This includes informing Ofsted, child protection agencies and the Health and Safety Executive under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995) where appropriate.
- All reported accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are reviewed, so that preventative measures can be taken.

## **Responsibilities of Management**

The Management are responsible for ensuring that at each session:

- Premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature
- The premises are used by, and solely available to, the Club during opening hours
- All the Club's equipment is safely and securely stored
- A working telephone is available on the premises at all times
- Chemicals and cleaning materials are stored appropriately, and in accordance with CoSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) data sheets.
- External pathways are cleared in severe weather
- Daily environment checks are carried out in accordance with our **Risk Assessment** policy. Risk assessments are made as necessary and include but are not limited to Vulnerable people, those with a specific health condition, young people (under 18s), expectant or new mothers.

## **Security**

Children are not allowed to leave the Club premises during the session unless prior permission has been given by the parents (for example, to attend other extra-curricular activities). Staff monitor the entrances and exits to the premises throughout the session. All visitors to the Club must sign the Visitor Log and give the reason for their visit. Visitors will never be left alone with the children. If a visitor has no reason to be on the Club's premises we will escort them from the premises. If the visitor refuses to leave, we will call the police. In such an event, an Incident Record will be completed and the owners will be immediately notified. Security procedures will be regularly reviewed by club management, in consultation with staff and parents.

## **Toys and equipment**

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair. We select toys, equipment and resources with care, and we carry out risk assessments before the children are allowed to use them. Broken toys and equipment are disposed of promptly. We ensure that any flammable equipment is stored safely.

## **Food and personal hygiene**

Staff at TJ's Club (Hampshire) Ltd maintain high standards of personal hygiene and take all practicable steps to prevent and control the spread of infection.

- A generally clean environment is maintained at all times.
- Toilets are cleaned daily and soap and hand drying facilities are always available.
- Staff are trained in food hygiene and follow appropriate guidelines.
- Waste is disposed of safely and all bins are kept covered.

- Staff ensure that children wash their hands before handling food or drink and after using the toilet.
- Cuts and abrasions (whether on children or staff) are kept covered.
- To avoid contamination of food from either germs or foreign bodies, nails are kept short and polish free (or gloves can be used) and jewellery to be kept to a minimum (eg. wedding band, small stud earrings and plain necklace). Other piercings/ drop earrings or gauges should not be worn for risk of catching during play sessions and to maintain a positive professional appearance.

### **Dealing with body fluids**

Spillages of blood, vomit, urine and faeces will be cleaned up immediately in accordance with our **Intimate Care** policy.

### **Staffing levels**

Staff ratios and levels of supervision are always appropriate to the number, ages and abilities of the children present, and to the risks associated with the activities being undertaken. Generally, a minimum of two members of staff are on duty at any time, although at times staff may be alone in other parts of the building or outside with up to ten children. Contact will always remain via walkie talkies. See **Lone Working policy**.

### **Related policies**

See also our related policies: Illness and Accidents, Emergency Evacuation, Healthy Eating, Safeguarding, Administering Medication, Risk Assessment, Lone Working, Stress, Manual Handling, Fire Safety and Intimate Care, Visitor Policy.

This policy was adopted by: TJ's Club (Hampshire) Ltd	Date: June 2022
Signed: J Little	To be reviewed: June 2023

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017)*:  
*Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment*  
 [3.54-3.64].