



# **ROCKS AND PEBBLES LTD**



## **Rocks and Pebbles Physical Environment Policy**

**Date: February 2020**

**Review Date: February 2021**

**Rocks and Pebbles Ltd is the trading name of Rocks and Pebbles. Limited registered in England and Wales.**

**Registration No: 6415435**

**Director: Kate Asaf**

## Physical Environment Policy

Rocks and Pebbles are committed to providing children with a stimulating and safe environment. We will do all we can to make our premises welcoming and friendly to children, their parents/carers and any other visitors.

Rocks and Pebbles premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for its purpose. The environment and the atmosphere of the Club is welcoming to children and offers access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied programme of activities.

Rocks and Pebbles are committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to facilities, activities and play opportunities; including children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (for further details see the Inclusion policy).

The Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Club's premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature. Daily risk assessments are carried out, in accordance with the Risk Assessment policy, to ensure that the facilities are maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.

During the opening hours, the premises are used by and solely available to the Club, its staff and the children, as far as this is possible.

Rocks and Pebbles will do all it can to maintain an open room layout, allowing children to chose from a variety of play opportunities. All children will have adequate space to play and interact freely.

There is adequate space for storing all of the Club's equipment safely and securely.

Under normal circumstances, staff will ensure that there is one toilet and one wash basin, with hot and cold water available for every 10 children, ensuring an adequate balance between male and female facilities.

No child will be left unsupervised in the kitchen area.

Members of staff will have access to a telephone on the Club's premises at all times.

### **Outdoor Play**

Any outdoor play will take place in safe secure and well supervised spaces. Before any outdoor activities can commence, a through safety check and risk assessment will take place.

Outdoor play areas will be well maintained and free from holes, bumps or uneven surface areas. Ponds, drains, pools or any other unnatural water will be made safe or inaccessible to children.

Any outside water feature will be kept safe, and inaccessible to unsupervised children. If children are involved in water sports, staff will ensure that a qualified lifeguard supervises them.

In the event of snow or ice on external walkways, staff will ensure that this is regularly cleared and kept safe.

Staff will make sure there is a regular supply of water available to children at all times, especially in hot conditions. In such circumstances, staff will also ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun, according to the provisions set out in the Illness and Accidents policy.

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