

0.1 Health and safety procedures

01.2 Group rooms, stairways and corridors

- Significant changes such as structural alterations or extensions are reported to Ofsted.
- A risk assessment is done to ensure the security of the building during any building work.
- Door handles are placed high, or alternative safety measures are in place.
- Chairs are stacked safely and not too high or out of reach of the children.
- There are no trailing wires; radiators are guarded where possible or protected
- Windows are opened regularly to ensure flow of air.
- Floors are properly dried after mopping up spills.
- Children do not have unsupervised access to stairways and corridors.
- Stair gates are in place in areas that children should not access alone.
- Floor covering on stairways and corridors is checked for signs of wear and tear.
- Materials and equipment are not generally stored in corridors, but where this is the case, it does not block clear access or way out.
- Walkways and stairs are uncluttered and adequately lit.
- Stairways and corridors are checked to ensure that safety and security is maintained, especially in areas that are not often used, or where there is access to outdoors
- Children do not have access to upper areas of the building
- Socket safety inserts are unnecessary, as there is no safety reason to use them, modern plug sockets
 are designed to remove risk of electrocution if something is poked into them. Socket covers (that cover
 the whole socket and switch) may be used, please note these are different to socket inserts.
- The use of blinds with cords is avoided. Any blinds fitted with cords are always secured by cleats. There are no dangling cords.