



Physical Environment Policy

Purpose

Greater West Childcare is committed to providing a physical environment that is safe and suitable for delivering quality childcare services.

1. Harm and Hazard

- All premises, furniture, material and equipment will be maintained in a safe, clean and working manner.
- Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect children from harm. This includes procedures for identification and rectification of hazards, safe storage of chemicals, effective maintenance procedures and meeting relevant playground safety and soft fall requirements.
- Spaces will be designed to enable effective supervision and direct line of sight of children.

2. Outdoor Spaces

- Minimum space requirements will be considered whenever modifications to outdoor environments are made.
- Adequate shade in the outdoor play spaces will be provided to protect children from the sun.
- A range of natural environments will be included in outdoor spaces to allow exploration, engagement, and to foster environmental responsibility in children.

3. Indoor Spaces

- Indoor spaces will be designed and modified in ways which engage and include all children in meaningful educational programs with sufficient furniture, materials and age-appropriate equipment to support the access of every child.
- Appropriate administration spaces, laundry, hygiene and toilet facilities will be provided when designing or modifying indoor areas.
- Ventilation and Natural Light will be prioritised when designing indoor spaces.

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CHAIRMAN (Board of Directors)

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