

Physical Environment Policy

Venture Trails Ltd

Jimmy Grimboll's is 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.

The premises and equipment at Jimmy Grimboll's are organised in a way that meets the needs of children. The Club's premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for its purpose. The environment and atmosphere of the Club is welcoming to children and offers access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied programme of activities.

The Club is 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 (for further details see the Special Needs policy and the Inclusion Statement). Jimmy Grimboll's ensures that, so far as is reasonable, the facilities, equipment and access to the premises are suitable for children with disabilities.

The Club's premises comply with all the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and all other relevant regulations and guidance.

The Management Team 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 primarily by the Club, but in the case of Breakfast Club, school staff may be working in school as well.

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

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

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Under normal circumstances, staff will ensure that there is adequate toileting and washing facilities for the number of children attending and the children will be made aware of which facilities they are to use.

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 and this is located in the main school office, as well as the Supervisor having the Club mobile phone.

Outdoor play:

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

Outdoor play areas will be well maintained by the school and checked by the Supervisor prior to each session.

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 Health, Illness and Emergency policy.

Any significant changes or events at Jimmy Grimboll's will be reported to Ofsted, these changes and events include:

- **Significant changes to the premises, for example structural alternations or an extension.**
- **Something which adversely affects the smooth running of the provision over a sustained period of time.**
- **Changes to the outside of the premises such as adding a pond or taking down fencing.**