



Gravenhurst & Villages Preschool,  
Pippins & Bramleys  
Preschool and Out of School Club

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Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance  
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## Evacuation Procedure

**EYFS 3.55**

### Action on Discovery of Fire

- Only attempt to tackle small fires if confident to do so, do not put yourself or the children at risk
- Sound the whistle once (unless fire alarm is sounding)
- Alert Lower School that we have evacuated the building

### Action on hearing the whistle (for when a incident such as dangerous person or animal is on the premise occurs)

- Instruct child and staff with command
- Take register, mobile phone, 'fire grab bag', first aid kit & emergency contact details for all staff & children
- Calmly walk children to nearest fire exit
- Staff will safely take children to the designated assembly point.
- A register for staff, children and visitors will be called.
- Do not re-enter the building and close doors in case of a fire (do not lock), if there is a gas leak leave door open (do not touch any electrical devices on way out)
- Call fire brigade by mobile phone (after leaving the building)
- Liaise with fire brigade on their arrival
- Alert Lower School that we have evacuated the building

### Visitors

- Ensure all visitors are taken to the assembly point
- Assist any disabled persons with their evacuation as necessary.

### Assembly Point: Meadow out the front of Pre-School

In more **serious cases** children can be walked down to the Methodist chapel where there is an enclosed safe area for children to stay

**N.B.** This procedure can be used for other incidents such as gas leaks which require us to evacuate the children from the building or for lock down procedures where there is a danger inside the setting.

### Procedure for during a Terrorist Attack

In the event that we feel there is an explosive device or a terrorist threat on the premise we will blow our whistle and ask the children to quickly and calmly go underneath a table (providing the device is not indoors). All doors and windows will be locked. If appropriate we will evacuate the premise and head down to the Methodist Church until we can be certain the place is safe. We will also alert the lower school that we have evacuated.

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We hope that we never have the need to put this procedure into practice but am happy to discuss with you any aspects of this policy.

If we are involved or caught up in the incident we will comply fully with the instructions from the emergency services and constantly reassure the children in my care.

**If you are caught up in an incident** we endeavour to contact all your emergency contacts and continue to look after your child until someone is able to pick up or a person nominated is able to collect them. This can include overnight care if necessary. It may therefore be good practice to provide us with additional supplies of nappies and spare nightclothes during times of high alert.

We understand that during major incidents the mobile phone networks are often not available and even landlines can be cancelled to free up communication systems for the emergency services. We will however attempt to contact you on a regular basis and ask that you try to do the same. We will keep up to date on the situation using any media source available to me, radio, television, Internet etc. We will endeavour to protect your child from information or images that may alarm or distress them. If you wish we can have a pre-planned excuse that we can use to explain your delay in arriving.

**This policy was adopted on:**.....

**Signed on behalf of the setting**.....

**Date of next review:**.....