

# WHARFEDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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Wharfedale Montessori School, Strid Cottage, Bolton Abbey, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6AN

## Supervision of Children Policy

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## Introduction

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At **Wharfedale Montessori School** we aim to protect and support the welfare of the children in our care at all times. The Principal is responsible for all staff, students and relief staff receiving information on health and safety policies and procedures in the School in order to supervise the children in their care suitably.

## Supervision

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We ensure that children are supervised adequately at all times, whether children are in or out of the building. We aim to support children's increasing independence, encouraging them to learn how to assess and manage risk through experience. We do this by:

- Making sure that every child is always within the sight and/or hearing of a suitably vetted member of staff. Monitoring staff deployment across the setting regularly to ensure children's needs are met.
- Ensuring children are fully supervised at all times when using water play as we are aware that children can drown in only a few centimetres of water
- Taking special care when children are using large apparatus e.g. a climbing frame, and when walking up or down steps/stairs
- Staff will support children to identify and manage risks in their play
- Making sure staff recognise and are aware of any dangers relating to bushes, shrubs and plants when on visits/outdoors
- Supervising children at all times when eating
- Supervising sleeping children and never leaving them unattended
- Never leaving children unattended during nappy changing times
- Supervising children carefully when using scissors or tools, including using knives in cooking activities where this is required
- Increasing staff: child ratios as appropriate during outings to ensure supervision and safety (please refer to Outings policy)
- Strictly following any safety guidelines given by other organisations or companies relating to the hire of equipment or services e.g. hire of a bouncy castle and a member of staff MUST supervise the children at all times.