



**EYFS: The Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements  
3.64 & 3.65**

## **Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment**

### **3h.13 Roof Garden**

#### **Policy Statement**

Outdoor play is essential for all aspects of a child's development. It provides children with experiences which enable them to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

#### **Procedures**

##### *Adult to Child Ratios*

For the safety of the children on roof garden, we maintain staff to child ratio.

- The adult to child ratio is for under 2's is 1:3, 2-3 year olds is 1:5 and 3's and over is 1:8

##### *Suitable Attire*

Staff at Aiden Place ensure that children on the roof garden go in suitable attire:

- in warm/hot weather - sun cream and sun-hats
- in colder weather - coats, hats, scarves, and gloves
- in wet weather - raincoats and wellington boots

##### *Safety on the roof garden*

- A roof garden risk assessment is completed at 7.45am & 1pm. The roof garden is also checked before the children go up to play.
- A maximum of 16 children on the roof garden at any one time.
- Child to staff ratio will be maintained at all times.
- Staff will always be aware of the safety of the children on the roof garden in their care, they will be vigilant at all times and never leave the garden for any reason unless another member of staff has taken over.
- Staff members will position themselves around the roof garden, so that all areas are supervised.
- Children to line up for a head count before entering and exiting the roof garden.
- Staff members to do a sweep of the roof garden before closing the door to exit the roof garden.
- Tablet to be taken up to the roof garden as registers are on EYLOG.
- All equipment to be stored away carefully in the middle of the roof garden.