CHILD SAFETY, SUPERVISION & SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

This survey is designed to support your professional voice and deepen our shared commitment to child safety, active supervision, and safeguarding practices. Your insights help us strengthen our environment, refine our routines, and ensure every child feels seen, safe, and empowered.

Please take a few moments to reflect honestly on your experiences, confidence levels, and any areas where further support or clarity may be needed. Your feedback will guide improvements in policy, training, and visual tools—ensuring our centre remains a place of trust, transparency, and proactive care.

Supervision & Risk Awareness

Do you feel the current staff-to-child ratios at our centre support safe and effective supervision?

- [x] Sometimes, depending on the activity or area
- [ ] Rarely, we often feel understaffed
- [ ] No, the ratios need urgent review

How confident do you feel in maintaining active supervision across all areas of the learning environment (indoors, outdoors, transitions)?

- [ ] Very confident
- [x] Mostly confident
- [ ] Sometimes unsure
- [ ] Need more support

What strategies do you use to ensure children are always within sight and/or hearing range?

I use zone-based supervision with clear visual markers and rotate positions with my co-educator every 20 minutes. We also use reflective prompts with children to help them understand boundaries and transitions.

Have you ever encountered a near miss or safety concern during supervision?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] If yes, what happened, and how was it addressed?

Last month, a child briefly entered the storeroom unnoticed during a busy transition. We've since added a visual "stop" sign and reviewed our transition supervision plan.

Do you feel our current supervision plans and risk assessments are effective?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Are there any areas of the centre (e.g., blind spots, high-traffic zones) where supervision is more challenging?

The corner near the art shelf has limited visibility. We've added a mirror and repositioned furniture to reduce blind spots.

Child Protection & Safeguarding

How confident are you in identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or grooming behaviours?

- [ ] Very confident
- [x] Somewhat confident
- [ ] Not confident
- [ ] I would like more training

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Do you know the correct procedures for reporting a child protection concern or disclosure?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Mostly
- [ ] Not sure
- [ ] Would you benefit from a refresher or visual flowchart?

Have you read and understood our centre's Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Not yet
- [ ] I'd like more clarification

How well do you think our centre promotes a culture of child safety and empowerment?

Our centre fosters a strong culture of safety through daily affirmations, child-led safety posters, and open conversations. I'd love to see more child voice embedded in our visual displays.

Do you feel comfortable raising concerns about unsafe practices or breaches of policy?

- [ ] Always
- [x] Sometimes
- [ ] Rarely
- [ ] Not sure who to talk to

Practical Tools & Support

What tools or resources would help you feel more confident in your supervision or safeguarding responsibilities?

A laminated supervision map with blind spot indicators, a visual reporting flowchart, and a reflective diary template for documenting concerns would be helpful.

Are there any policies, routines, or practices you feel could be improved to better protect children's safety?

Our toileting routine could be streamlined to reduce supervision gaps. Also, clearer documentation protocols for minor incidents would support consistency.

Do you have suggestions for how we can better involve children in understanding their own safety and rights?

Create a "Safety Superstars" program where children co-design posters and role-play safe choices. Include child voice in our daily safety checklists.

Final Reflections

Is there anything else you'd like to share about child safety, supervision, or your role in safeguarding at our center?

I feel proud to be part of a team that prioritizes safety and emotional wellbeing. I'd love to co-lead a mini workshop on child empowerment and visual safety tools for new educators. - Lorina

Thank you for taking the time to share your reflections—your responses are deeply valued and will help guide meaningful changes, strengthen our practices, and ensure every child's safety and empowerment remain at the heart of our work.

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