



Play in Ltd

Pest Control Policy

Play in Ltd is committed to providing a safe environment for the children in our care. We seek to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. Exposure to pests (insects, cockroaches, rats, mice, etc.), pest residue, and the chemicals used to control them can aggravate or cause health problems for children and staff. Allergic reactions to pest residues and the absorption of chemicals used for pests control often are more serious for children due to their smaller size and proximity to the floor. Our approach minimises the exposure of children and staff to pesticides, and includes a variety of non-chemical and chemical methods to prevent and eradicate pests. While pesticides may be used to remediate infestations of pests (such as insects, weeds, and rodents) that may be found in the facility and its surrounding grounds, only the least toxic products will be considered and combined with non-chemical methods.

The following steps are taken when analysing pest control:

Prevent access to the interior of the building.

Food is checked daily for out of date stock, all opened food will be labelled with the opened date and kept in airtight container/food bags. The fridge temperature is checked twice a day and recorded.

Daily cleaning by the staff to ensure all surfaces, cupboards and floors in the club are disinfected and are free from any elements of food or food residue. Recorded in daily and monthly checks.

The club is routinely checked by a senior member of staff at closing time to ensure a high standard of cleanliness and recorded in daily checks.

If any rodent or pest is sighted or droppings are recognised the staff will immediately inform management and the on sight caretaker.

Management will then immediately contact:

Sheffield Pest Control Services: (Contact school or) 0114 203 7410 and request a visit
Admin Department: 0114 2930356

We will follow all recommendations from Pest Control, as long as they are safe for the children, parents and staff.

If pesticides need to be used the setting will contact parents 24 hours in advance, they will be informed as to what is being used and where. (included indoors and outdoors)

All insecticide applications will be done while the setting is unoccupied, and remain unoccupied for a period of no less than 24 hours or longer if required by the pesticide label use directions.

The setting will be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and safety checked before children return to the setting.

This policy was adopted by: Play in Ltd	Date: Sept 2022
To be reviewed: Sept 2023	Signed:

Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021):
Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and
equipment [3.55-3.65].