



### Little Risks Policy

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We follow Environment Health, Ofsted and Surrey Early Years guidelines for health and safety, completing all risk assessments, checks and procedures to ensure our nursery is a safe environment for learning. (See our Health & Safety Policy).

But we fundamentally believe in supporting our children to experience 'little risks'.

By this we mean we support them to embrace challenge, push themselves just outside their comfort zone to achieve better things.

It is ok to experience a little fear, what is important is how to cope with that emotion, harness it and learn how to bounce back and try again.

We teach children to 'have a go'; it doesn't matter if you don't succeed first time, what matters is trying again. It is ok to make a mistake, it's how you face up and fix it that really counts.

We believe it's important to challenge children for example, to climb that one step higher on the climbing frame, balance on the tree stumps, roll down a hill, jump over a log or touch the porridge gloop in our messy play corner.

We support children to push themselves further and achieve great things.

All these risks are taken in the safety net of trained, supportive staff.

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Signed on behalf of Panda Nursery:

Alison Thompson - Director