



## 67-Water Safety Policy

Cornerstone Under 5s aims to ensure the safety and supervision of children in and around water. This relates to water play, excursions, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in our early childhood environment. Children's safety and wellbeing will be protected in and around water through supervision and education. Clean, hygienic water for play and for drinking will always be made available.

Name of responsible person: Iva Juma

1. Provide guidance and education to staff/student/volunteers and families on the importance of children's safety in and around water.
2. Ensure work, health and safety practices incorporate approaches to safe storage of water and play.

### Staff will:

1. Ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level. These activities will always be supervised, and containers or troughs will be emptied onto garden areas after use. Children will be discouraged from drinking from these water activities.
2. Teach children about staying safe in and around water.
3. Empty buckets used for cleaning immediately after use. No buckets are left unsupervised in play areas or accessible to children.
4. When filling any water equipment's with water ensure that this area is well supervised while children are at play and that all water is drained out when the learning experience is finished.
5. Always provide clean drinking water. This water will be supervised to ensure that it is safe and hygienic for consuming. Water containers will be securely sealed. At the end of each day, any water container will be emptied and cleaned thoroughly.

### Operational Safety

1. Hot water accessible to children will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5 C. Thermostatic valves to be tested and serviced annually by a plumber. (The church is responsible for the utilities, Gas/Electricity/Water.
2. A weekly risk assessment is undertaken by the church and any actions will also be undertaken by the church.
3. No hot drinks will be allowed when children in sessions.
4. Water for pets must be changed regularly and only be accessible to children when adults are present.
5. In case of an emergency where professional assistance is required, we will contact: the Operational Manager who will advise us of our next steps.

**This policy was agreed at an Under 5s AGM meeting held on 6th November 2023 .....  
(Date)**

**Signed on behalf of the preschool.....(Chair)**