



At LOOSH, we believe that risky play - **play that involves challenge, exploration, and uncertainty** - is an essential and valuable part of every child's learning. It is an important part of a child's physical and emotional development, helping to foster positive wellbeing and healthy growth.

LOOSH will embrace risk as a part of play, not eliminate it, fostering independence, resilience, and a lifelong ability to navigate challenges safely.

Our guiding principles of Risky Play are as follows:

1. Agency and Autonomy

Educators support children to make their own choices and take ownership of their play, encouraging them to assess risks and test their abilities. This builds confidence, independence, and decision-making skills.

Educators will support our children to develop risk literacy and management skills, helping them learn to navigate challenges independently. Children will be encouraged to engage in risky play that is child-led, goal oriented and focused on growth, rather than reckless abandon.



2. Active Supervision

Educators know that active supervision is crucial to ensuring our children's safety and minimising injuries. Our educators maintain proactive and responsive supervision, positioning themselves to anticipate and respond quickly to emerging risks while still giving children space to safely explore and challenge themselves.



Educator support will be provided when needed, without unnecessarily interrupting or shutting down play.

3. Safe and Inclusive Environments

Risky play can only occur in environments that are safe. LOOSH will ensure that in all indoor and outdoor environments, any hazards are minimised but opportunities for challenge are preserved. Spaces and equipment are regularly checked by educators to ensure they support safe yet engaging play experiences.



Educators will modify activities to ensure all experiences are inclusive and promote competence and exploration.

4. Collaboration

Educators work in partnership with children and their families to develop a shared understanding of risky play and its benefits. Open communication will ensure that expectations and approaches to risk are respected and aligned.

