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1. Purpose of this Policy

This policy ensures the safe use of indoor bouncy castles and inflatables within the Centre. It protects children, hirers, staff, volunteers, and the charity by setting clear, practical safety requirements and capacity limits.

Indoor inflatables significantly reduce usable floor space and affect evacuation routes. For this reason, the Centre applies stricter capacity limits than the standard room capacities.

2. Rooms Where Bouncy Castles Are Permitted

Indoor bouncy castles may only be used in:

- **Avery Room**
- **Vanguard/Haddon Combined Room**

3. Maximum Room Capacities When a Bouncy Castle Is in Use

Because inflatables reduce floor space and slow evacuation, the normal seated/standing capacities do not apply.

The following **reduced maximum capacities** must be observed:

Avery Room

- **Maximum total capacity: 30–35 people** (children + adults combined)

Vanguard/Haddon Combined

- **Maximum total capacity: 30–40 people**

The exact number within these ranges depends on the inflatable's size and position. The Centre Manager will confirm the final capacity for each booking.

4. Requirements for Hirers

Hirers must comply with all of the following:

4.1. Approved inflatable and operator

- The bouncy castle must be supplied and set up by a **professional hire company**.
- The hiring company must provide:
 - > **PIPA certificate** (annual safety inspection)
 - > **Public Liability Insurance** (minimum £5 million recommended)
 - > Confirmation that the inflatable is suitable for **indoor use**

4.2. Supervision

- A **responsible adult (18+)** must supervise the inflatable at all times.
- The supervisor must ensure:
 - > No shoes
 - > No food or drink
 - > No overcrowding
 - > No mixed age bouncing
 - > Safe behaviour at all times

4.3. Positioning

The inflatable must:

- Not block **any fire exits**
- Not obstruct **escape routes**
- Not cover or block **fire extinguishers** or **alarm call points**
- Be positioned exactly where agreed with the Centre Manager

4.4. Electrical safety

- Only the hiring company may set up electrical blowers.
- Cables must be secured and must not create trip hazards.

5. Evacuation Requirements

In the event of a fire alarm:

- The inflatable **must not be used** during evacuation.
- The supervising adult must ensure all children leave the inflatable immediately.
- Hirers must be able to **account for all attendees** at the assembly point.
- The inflatable must not obstruct evacuation routes at any time.

6. Centre Rights

The Centre reserves the right to:

- Refuse any inflatable that is too large for the room
- Cancel or stop use if safety requirements are not met
- Reduce capacity further if the layout requires it
- Require additional supervision if deemed necessary

7. Acceptance of Policy

By booking a room with a bouncy castle, the hirer confirms they have read, understood, and agree to comply with this policy.

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