



Outdoor Policy and Procedures

Version Control

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Principles

Outdoor play is essential for all aspects of a child's development. It can provide children with experiences that enable them to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically and encourages positive attitudes towards a healthy lifestyle.

Aims and objectives:

- To enhance children's appreciation of the natural world and extend their learning experiences.
- To provide a healthy environment in which children can learn and develop.
- To allow the children to experience different seasons, to enjoy the fresh air.
- To stimulate brain activity by using the senses and improve motor skills.

Health and Safety

- The outdoor spaces will have an annual risk assessment check as well as new risk assessments every time a new piece of equipment or area is introduced.
- At the start of each morning session a member of staff will be responsible for Health and Safety. Checks should be completed before children enter the site and all areas at the end of the day must be cleared of resources and the resources stored in an appropriate area.
- Staff will encourage children to take part in risk taking activities with good supervision.
- Hot days / summer - Sun cream should be applied by parents at the beginning of the day. Sun cream should be reapplied frequently (after 1 hour) in excessively hot weather or after being in water.
- Staff must provide shaded areas during the hottest part of the day. Children to bring water bottles. This also applies to staff and adults.
- Parents for each child should provide sun hat.
- Staff and adults should also wear sun cream, sun hats or sunglasses as appropriate.
- During wet, cold weather children should wear appropriate clothing such as a thermal layer, waterproofs, wellington boots, hats, scarves and gloves.
- In the event of the fire follow the procedure and meet at assembly point in the car park.

Staffing Ratios

- The outdoor ratio is 1: 8 children.
- Every staff member should be vigilant of all children if they are in danger of hurting themselves.

Outdoor area

- All resources should be cleaned on a regular basis.
- Ensure any parts of the site that need attention are logged in and the Directors informed.

See Risk Assessments

