



DAY NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL
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Outdoor Play Policy

- All children have access to the garden at least twice a day and free flow wherever possible.
- Children should wear appropriate clothing, warm coats, gloves etc in winter and sun screen and hats in the summer, these must be provided by the child's parent/carer.
- Staff must ensure resources are well maintained and report or dispose of any worn/unsuitable play equipment.
- Staff to children ratio's must be maintained for outdoor play.
- A wide variety of activities must be provided which interest and extend children's learning.
- The use of equipment should be encouraged to maximise opportunities for 'real life experiences'.
- The use of large bikes, trikes and scooters should be encouraged to promote physical play and gross motor skills.
- Staff must plan to ensure indoor activities can be extended to outdoors
- Outdoor play activities should cover all area's of learning ie. Maths, Communication Etc.
- Activities should be varied and interesting to stimulate the children's interest.
- Children should be encouraged to use the equipment appropriately. i.e. not throwing equipment that could hurt another child or become damaged.
- The garden should allow children to 'take risks' in a safe environment.
- Children will be encouraged to risk assess their own play.
- The setting will provide all-in-one wet suits for wet weather and to protect the children's clothing. At no time will a child be forced to wear one if they choose not to.
- 'Forest school' work will be carried out with the children either at the setting or at alternative locations (see nursery outings policy). Children will be encouraged to explore the natural world around them.

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