

Policy statement

Outdoor play is vital for the healthy growth and development of all babies and children. Our outdoor area gives the children opportunities to be physical, inquisitive, improve their spatial awareness, coordination and balance, develop their gross motor skills as well as explore their natural environment.

Procedures

- Our babies and toddlers access the garden at earlier times than the pre school children to ensure they have the opportunities to safely enjoy the equipment and resources at their own development level.
- All staff will ensure the garden is secure and checked before every session.
- Children will be dressed appropriately and sun cream applied in regards to the differing weather conditions.
- A variety of resources and equipment will be made available to enhance their learning. Equipment will be risk assessed, checked and maintained.
- There will be opportunities for the children to manage their own risks and challenges, an intrinsic part of every child's development.

Date to be reviewed:

Signed and dated
on behalf of the management