

Outdoors Play Policy

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Outdoor play is a crucial aspect of the positive developmental environment of the Centre. Our aim is to enable children to use the Centre garden and wider outdoors as a context for learning throughout the year.

All children will have the opportunity to play outside. No child will be excluded from the outside area. As a centre we believe fresh air is vital to every child's learning.

Procedures

- Staff will ensure that the garden is secure and safe and will check it before every session.
- Regulatory staffing ratios will be adhered to at all times during outdoor play.
- Staff will ensure that all children are appropriately dressed for the climate.
- In the summer and hot weather children must wear sun hats and sun cream at all times. Sun cream will be provided by the Centre, unless parents/carer wants to provide their own sun cream for their child. Children need to arrive at the Centre with sun cream already administered and the Centre will provide each child with more sun cream during the afternoon session.
- During the summer months when the weather is extremely hot children will only be allowed in the garden if they are in the shaded area, between the hours of 11.30am – 2.30pm.
- In the cold, wet or wintry weather, children will wear jumpers, coats, hoods, hats and Wellington boots to ensure that they are kept warm and dry whilst outside as mentioned in the physical play policy.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO THE CENTRE WITH APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, INCLUDING SPARE CLOTHES IN THEIR BAG.