

OUTDOOR PLAY POLICY

We believe that, for all children, learning through play outdoors and indoors are of equal importance.

With this in mind we aim to:

- Promote good quality, challenging but safe and accessible play for all children.
- Provide well planned attractive activities outside and inside.
- Provide an environment to extend and improve children's physical, intellectual, social and emotional well-being regardless of the weather.
- Make the most of an environment over which we have little control.
- Expand children's horizons to all the learning that is experienced outside.

To achieve this we:

- Agree that the gates should be locked.
- Agree to teach the children respect for plants, animals, wildlife and the environment.
- Agree to teach the children care and respect for each other when playing outside.
- Agree that children may move large or heavy objects, planks, boxes, ladders, branches and logs, around the garden to make their own constructions. We agree to show the children the best way to move these objects on their own, or with a friend, and to teach the children to ask us to help test their construction for safety.
- Agree the children may use gardening and woodwork tools under supervision.
- Agree to encourage the children to wear Wellington boots when the grass is muddy or wet or when they are digging.
- Agree that any climbing equipment put up by ourselves for the children must be tested for safety before the children use it.

- Agree to teach the children safety rules when climbing; never to climb with toys in their hands and never to push, pull or hold onto their friends when climbing.
- Agree, for safety reasons, never to pick up a child and put them on climbing equipment if they cannot get onto the lowest level on their own.
- Agree to remind children not to climb in role play shoes, long flowing dressing up clothes or coats like cloaks for safety reasons.
- Agree to provide children with broad and balanced opportunities.
- Agree to provide children with honestly appropriate answers to their questions about the world around them.
- Agree that when the temperature is very hot the children must play in a shaded area or inside.
- Agree that parents should apply sun cream before the session and provide sunhats and suitable T-shirts to prevent sunburn in the summer and early autumn.
- Agree that parents should provide coats that are suitable for the whole day's activities, along with hats, scarves and gloves when the weather is colder.

WE AIM TO PLAY OUTSIDE EVERY DAY WHATEVER THE WEATHER.