



Outdoor play

Outdoor play and outings are an important aspect of development and an opportunity to explore environments outside nursery.

The nursery has a dedicated outdoor play area, and we promote outdoor play in all weathers ensuring an enabling environment.

Risk assessments are carried out before children go outside and children will be dressed appropriately for the weather (We ask parents to bring the correct outdoor wear).

Outdoor play covers the use of the garden and outdoor play equipment

Before outdoor play:

- Risk assessment takes place, check all items on list and add details of any concerns. Check for broken equipment, stagnant water, and undesirable items.
- Check gates and fences are closed and in good repair.
- In hot weather sun cream and sun hat must be used.
- In cold weather children must be appropriately dressed.
- All staff take turns being outside.
- Ratios should remain correct, and children should always be supervised correctly.
- Provide age-appropriate engaging activities.
- Ensure fresh drinking water is always available.

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