

## Garden Policy

We feel that children have the right to fresh air and spending time outdoors.

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is devised so that all areas of learning can be covered both inside and outside

Our children will have access to the garden area daily in all weathers, including snow and rain, we need parents to provide suitable clothing for the conditions including wellingtons, sunhats, and suitable warm clothing to enable this to happen. We will supply waterproof suits.

We will allow the children to access messy play, digging, using sand and water, paints and various natural resources. We ask you as parents to support us in this and allow your children to be involved in all aspects of outdoor play without the worry that they may be told off for being dirty.

The children will be supervised at all times in the outside area, and will have the opportunity to take physical challenges climbing and balancing.

Recent research has shown that children today are more sedentary and we aim to encourage them to be active and experiment with gross motor skills by providing them with a variety of resources and enthusiasm for the outside.

We will offer opportunities for the children to work together and with adults. We will introduce them to the excitement of growing food and plants encouraging their sense of pride as they weed and water.

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