



Ladybirds Preschool Outdoor Play Policy (Revised 4th November 2024)

Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).

Quality and Consistency.

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Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

Unique Child Positive Partnerships Enabling Environment Learning and Developing

Introduction

Ladybirds Preschool recognises the importance of outdoor play in supporting children's learning and development and will offer opportunities for all children to use the outdoor area each day.

The only time children will not access the outdoor area will be if weather conditions are considered to be unsafe.

This policy provides guidelines on how the preschool will meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage with regard to outdoor play.

The preschool is aware of research that shows that children learn in different ways and that some children, particularly boys learn best in an outdoor environment.

All staff, students and volunteers will be aware of this policy.

Procedure

1. All staff will be aware of the preschool's principles of outdoor play.
2. Short-term planning will include activities and provision in the outdoor area that encompass all seven areas of learning and development of the EYFS.
3. Planning will also provide opportunities for children to appreciate different seasons and weather conditions and stimulate their sensory awareness
4. Staff will positively encourage children to use the outdoor area each day and appropriate clothing will be available for all children, including wet weather suits and Wellington boots.
5. Where possible, all children will have free access to the outdoor area. Correct adult: child ratios will be maintained at all times.
6. Children will access mud and water in the outside areas so may become wet or dirty they will be changed into their spare clothing if the parent has supplied these.

Legislation And Guidance:

The Children Act 2004 (Every Child Matters)

EYFS Statutory Framework and Practice Guidance (September 2015)

Other Related Policies & Procedures

The following policies provide additional information regarding the safeguarding and welfare of the children in our care:

- *Children's Rights & Entitlement Policy*
- *Confidentiality and Client Access Policy*
- *Confidentiality Policy*
- *Daily Running Policy*
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Employment & Staffing Policy*
- *Equality and Diversity Policy*
- *Information Sharing Policy*
- *Parent Involvement*
- *Photograph and Video Policy*
- *Safeguarding & Child Protection*
- *SEND & Inclusion Policy*

This policy will be monitored and evaluated at committee meetings. It will be reviewed bi-annually and unless new legislation or an incident occurs which requires an immediate review of this policy

November 2024

Review Date: November 2026

This policy was adopted by the committee on 16/11/2024

Signed: *Jean De Garis* _____

Reviewed Date:

Signature:

Amendments: