

## Outside play



The statutory framework, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), states:

- *Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area or, if that is not possible, ensure that outdoor activities are planned and taken on a daily basis (unless circumstances make this inappropriate, for example unsafe weather conditions).*
- *Providers must follow their legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (for example, the provisions on reasonable adjustments).*

Our garden is as safe as possible and risk assessed before, during and after each working day. It is set up to support all children's learning: resources and equipment are provided which promote children's learning and development. Garden equipment, resources etc is risk assessed before, during and after use to ensure it is safe for the ages and developmental stages of the children in the setting on the day.

We ask parents to provide spare clothes for their child to ensure we can comply with the requirement to go outside every day, apart from, in unsafe weather conditions.

We are fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and aware of the requirement to make '*reasonable adjustments*' to ensure our outside area is accessible for all the children.

**Unsafe weather conditions:** scenarios might include storm warnings from the Environment Agency and very hot days when it is unsafe for children to stay in the sun for long periods. We use a weather app to check weather conditions every day and we will speak to parents about how we support their child's learning if we have not been able to offer them the opportunity to go outside.

**Sun safety:** Parents are asked to provide a suitable hat, outside shoes and clothes for hot weather and a bottle of labelled factor 30+ sun cream for their child. We will ensure ongoing permission is in place to apply the cream and teach the child how to do this independently (with supervision). We are asking parents to put the first layer of suncream on their child in the morning and we will continue to apply it regularly throughout the day. We will inform parents when sun cream has been applied.

If you have any questions about the requirement to allow daily outside play, please let us know. Thank you.