



VENN BOULEVARD NURSERY

OUTDOOR PLAY POLICY

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Policy Statement

At Venn Boulevard Nursery we believe that outdoor play is as equally important as indoor play. We strive to make our outdoor learning environment a safe, fun and exciting place for children to explore.

Aim:

- All children will have access to the outdoor area during our free play times.
- The outdoor area should be checked every morning before the start of the day by the site officer and Nursery Manager.
- Children should wear appropriate clothing. For example, hats and sun cream in summer, warm coat, hat and gloves in the winter. These are to be provided by parents/carers.
- All staff must ensure that all resources are well maintained and report or dispose of any equipment that is unsuitable or unsafe.
- Staff to child ratios must be maintained in the outdoor area as it is in the inside area.
- A wide variety of activities that both challenge and meet the needs of the children must be provide outside.
- The use of bikes, prams etc should be encouraged to promote physical play and develop gross motor skills.
- Children should have the same learning opportunities available in the outdoor area as they do in the indoor area. For example, there should be numeracy and mark making opportunities in both areas.
- Outdoor provision should be varied and interesting to stimulate children's interests.
- Children should be shown how to look after the equipment correctly through positive role modelling. This shows the children that we care about the area and the equipment and they should too.
- The outdoor area should provide children with opportunities to take manageable, calculated risks, in a safe environment.
- Children will have access to wet suits in the event of wet weather to protect their clothing and also enabling them to access the outdoor provision in any kind of weather.
- If, for reasons beyond our control, we cannot access the outdoor area we will endeavour to provide physical activity indoors

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