

Outdoor Learning Policy

Statement of intent

It is vital that children in our setting have the opportunity to experience the outdoors. Active learning experiences are essential for young children, as they give children opportunities to practice their developing skills, make them feel good and explore the world around them. It is also important for children's physical, mental and emotional development. Children should begin to take risks and face challenges outdoors, and we believe this should be encouraged.

- We aim to make every child's experiences of the outdoors a happy, safe and healthy one.
- The outdoor area will be resourced and available for all children to access on a daily basis.
- Children will need weather appropriate clothing. Supplies of spare gloves, hats and coats are kept by the pre-school and used when needed.
- Our outdoor area is securely fenced.
- The area is always checked for safety and cleared of any obstructions or rubbish before being used.
- Sun protection will be provided if need be.
- Policies are in place for the dangers of poisonous plants.
- All outdoor activities are supervised at all times following government guidelines for staff and child ratios.

This policy was adopted by: Little Munchkins	Date:
To be reviewed:	Signed:

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2012): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Equal opportunities [3.66] and Child protection [3.6]*

