



Outdoor Learning Policy

Mid Annandale Playcare value outdoor play as an intrinsic part of the curriculum. Outdoor play is a necessary part of our daily routine and we always encourage a positive attitude to the outdoors to ensure the children have a knowledge of the world around them. Active learning experiences outdoors are essential for young children. They give children opportunities to practice their developing skills, make them feel good and to explore their world. It is also important for children's physical, mental and emotional development. We believe that children should begin to take risks and face challenges outdoors.

We aim to provide a safe, stimulating outdoor environment where space is used effectively to enable children to explore a broad and balanced curriculum using a range of interesting resources suitable to their individual needs.

The outdoor area will be resourced and available for the children to access on a daily basis. Children will be able to choose to use the outdoor area freely. Children will need to have appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather in order to enable them to fully access the activities outside.

This will include, but are not restricted to:

- Waterproof coat
- Shoes appropriate for playing out in
- Sun protection cream and a hat

We believe that access to the outdoor area is beneficial to the health and wellbeing of young children. As a consequence we do not want to restrict a child's choice to play and learn outdoors. If your child is not well enough to go out, we would ask that they are kept at home. Whenever children are using the outdoor area we will ensure it is appropriately staffed using the same ratios of adults to children as apply indoors.

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