



OUTDOOR SAFETY POLICY & PROCEDURE

It is our aim at Stepping Stones Nursery to care for the children in a safe, happy environment, giving them a wide variety of choice of outdoor play activities to enjoy and learn from.

Outside play is a crucial aspect of the positive developmental environment of the nursery. The nursery has a dedicated outdoor play area and we operate a policy of providing an enabling environment – where children learn to use outside areas in a variety of weather. Children will be appropriately dressed for each type of weather and the time and longevity of use varied accordingly.

Procedures for Outside Play

Before using the garden, to do a health and safety check i.e. check the area for faeces and any other undesirable items and to check that the fences are in good repair, gates locked etc.

- ✓ When there is summer sun all children should be sun creamed and wear a hat. In Winter they should wear clothing appropriate to the weather.
- ✓ Staff should look after themselves too. In the Summer use sun cream and wear a hat and in Winter always have warm clothing to wear.
- ✓ Ensure that staff take turns to be inside and out.
- ✓ Ensure that children learn how to tidy away after each session.

There are 4 Areas:

1. Main yard.
2. Decking Area – sand/construction.
3. Woodland area (2 members of staff) when climbing frame and slide are being used, 1 when not in use.
4. Tunnel and play house area.
5. Pirate area

Main Yard;

- ✓ Lock the two main gates in the yard
- ✓ Take the children into our main foyer. Ensure their laces are done up, shoes are on correctly, coats/hats/gloves etc. are on or sun hats and sun cream, dependent on the weather.
- ✓ Children are supervised at all times, in particular when getting on/off the bikes, cars etc.
- ✓ Should an accident occur, the correct first aid procedure is to be followed.
- ✓ Inform member of staff if there are parents at the gate. **PARENTS ARE NOT TO ENTER THE YARDS**

WHILST CHILDREN ARE PLAYING.

- ✓ At the end of the outdoor play, children are taken in and counted.
- ✓ Final check of the yard, prior to re-opening the gates.

Decking & Sand Area;

- ✓ Lock main gates
- ✓ Take the children into our main foyer. Ensure their laces are done up, shoes are on correctly, coats/hats/gloves etc. are on or sun hats and sun cream, dependent on the weather.
- ✓ The gate to the area should be closed and the before taking the children out.
- ✓ Set out toys.
- ✓ latch put across.
- ✓ Should an accident occur, the correct first aid procedure is to be followed.
- ✓ At the end of the outdoor play, children are taken in and counted.
- ✓ Final check of the yard.

Woodland Area;



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- ✓ Lock main gates
- ✓ (2 members of staff) when climbing frame and slide are being used, 1 when not in use.
- ✓ Take the children into our main foyer. Ensure their laces are done up, shoes are on correctly, coats/hats/gloves etc. are on or sun hats and sun cream, dependent on the weather.
- ✓ The gate to the area should be closed and the latch put across.
- ✓ Climbing Frame & Slide – one member of staff each end at all times (**a student can be included for this ratio**).
- ✓ Should a member of staff have to leave the area, the climbing frame should **NOT** be used.
- ✓ Should an accident occur, the correct first aid procedure is to be followed.
- ✓ At the end of the outdoor play, children are taken in and counted.
- ✓ Final check of the area.

Tunnel and Play House Area;

- ✓ Take the children into our main foyer. Ensure their laces are done up, shoes are on correctly, coats/hats/gloves etc. are on or sun hats and sun cream, dependent on the weather.
- ✓ The gate to the area should be closed and the latch put across.
- ✓ Should an accident occur, the correct first aid procedure is to be followed.
- ✓ At the end of the outdoor play, children are taken in and counted.
- ✓ Final check of the area.

IMPORTANT: It is the role of each individual member of staff to thoroughly tidy each area after every use.

IMPORTANT – MAIN GATES ARE TO BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES WHEN OURDOOR PLAY IS IN PROGRESS

SUN SAFETY

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Sun Safety

Stepping Stones Nursery implement a strong sun safety policy for all children and staff. Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and it is particularly important to protect children and young people from the sun as their skin is more delicate and easily damaged.

We will:

- ✓ Encourage staff to act as a good role model by practicing sun safety.
- ✓ Hold outdoor activities in the shade whenever possible.
- ✓ Ask all parents to sign a consent for sun-cream form - sunscreen of factor 30 or above, which will be applied regularly when outdoors.
- ✓ Encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day, and on very hot days we will make every effort to cool children i.e. cool flannels, fans etc.
- ✓ Ask parents to provide sun-hats to be left on the premises throughout the summer.
- ✓ Inform and remind parent/carer about the sun safety policy through newsletters etc.
- ✓ Inform and remind children of sun safety through discussions, activities, themes and stories.