



## **OUTDOOR CARE POLICY**

Clyde Nursery Ltd in line with curriculum guidelines has a focus on Outdoor Learning. Children enjoy being outside and are encouraged to regularly play in the Nursery Garden all year round.

Parents/carers should ensure that children have suitable clothing for outdoors throughout the year, especially in hot sunny weather as well as cold and wet winter days. All clothing should be labelled with the child's name.

Outdoor Risk assessments will be completed by staff prior to children entering the garden to ensure that all equipment is safe, and the garden grounds are suitable for play. Children in our Butterflies and Busy Bee rooms will have the opportunity alongside staff to complete their own pictorial outdoor risk assessments.

### **Sun Care**

Clyde Nursery Ltd is committed to ensuring that all children in its care are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to serious medical problems in later life.

The following guidelines exist for the care of children in the sun:

- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather.
- Children must have their own sun cream named and dated. This will be applied before going outside in the sun and at frequent intervals throughout the day if required. Children should already have used this sun cream at home to avoid any allergic reaction.
- Consent for staff to apply sun cream should be obtained from parents/carers for summer outings where it is not practical to carry multiple bottles of sun cream.
- Children must have clothing suitable for the sun, with long sleeves or trousers for those prone to sunburn and if possible broad brimmed hats to protect against the sun.
- Children are encouraged to learn why sun hats and sun cream are required whilst outside in sunny weather.
- Staff will be vigilant regarding the length of time children spend outside in sunny weather to reduce the risk of over exposure to the sun.

### Cold/Wet Weather Care

Children have an entitlement to access fresh air in all weathers. Children will be taken out to play in the garden for short periods of time when it is cold, raining or snowing.

- Children must have clearly labelled outdoor jackets, hats and gloves which will be worn at all times whilst outside in cold or wet or snowy weather.
- Children must have suitable outdoor shoes or wellingtons to wear while playing outside when it is cold, wet, or snowing.

The Nursery does have wet weather suits for children. It is a parental responsibility to ensure all weather clothing requests are provided to enable all children to fulfil their entitlement to outdoor time and fresh air in all weathers.

A copy of this policy is available to view in the Policy Folders held in the Nursery Office, Reception Area, Nursery Playrooms.

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