

Outdoor play is a vital part of a child's development and children will be given every opportunity to explore and experience this throughout their time at Pre-school

Objectives

We aim to:

- Use the outdoor area as a natural resource for learning
- Include the outdoor area when planning for learning
- Enable children to access the outdoor area at every opportunity through free flow play
- Ensure that the outdoor area offers children the opportunity to investigate and explore, problem solve, use their imagination and creativity.
- Ensure the outdoors offers children opportunities to develop their large motor skills
- Ensure the children enjoy energetic activity outdoors and the feeling of wellbeing that brings
- Observe and assess and record the learning that happens outdoors
- Enable children to work on their own or with others
- Enable children to develop an appreciation of natural beauty and a sense of wonder about the world
- Teach children to respect the outdoor environment and to care for living things
- Give children the opportunity to relax, enjoy and have fun outdoors
- Teach children to use equipment safely and effectively and to follow Pre-school safety rules
- Children will be supervised at all times and adult / child ratios maintained.

Parents are requested to:

- Provide their child with suitable clothing and footwear depending on the weather
- Provide their child with a sunhat during sunny weather and ensure that their child has had sunscreen applied before arrival at Pre-school and provide permission and sun cream for children who stay all day so that the sun cream can be reapplied during the day if necessary.

This policy was adopted a meeting of Fazeley Pre-school Committee on 16th April 2008 and reviewed at a meeting of Fazeley Pre-school Committee on 9th November 2016. It will be reviewed again in November 2018 unless it is considered necessary beforehand because of changes in legislation etc.
Signed on behalf of Fazeley Pre-school Committee

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Chairperson