

## OUTDOOR PLAY POLICY

According to Wisdom Kids Nursery, children who begin their education in a learning environment that is purposeful, challenging and supportive stand the best chance of developing into confident and successful learners. Effective learning environments are created over time as a result of staff and parents working together, thinking and talking about children's learning and planning how to promote it.

### **Aims for our outdoor environment**

- To provide a stimulating, challenging, safe, secure environment for children to play and learn with enjoyment.
- To plan outdoor learning experiences which compliment and extend indoor provision and are stimulating and varied.
- To ensure children experience a broad balanced curriculum accessing the learning objectives and goals across the six developmental areas.
- To ensure learning outcomes are of equal importance to those taking place indoors and are planned to extend the children's learning.
- To provide space/areas to take part in energetic, noisy, large scale activities as well as opportunity for quieter, more reflective experiences.
- To plan for a balance between child initiated activities and adult directed activities
- To plan opportunities for: problem solving, practising skills, conversation, investigation, exploration, inventiveness, creativity and imagination.
- To ensure health and safety at all times e.g. area is supervised, equipment is checked regularly, parents are kept informed of issues e.g. sun awareness, suitable clothing.
- Make good use of outdoor space so that children are enabled to learn by working on a larger, more active scale than is possible indoors.

### **The outdoor area**

The outdoor environment should be

- . Inviting and stimulating
- . Defined for children to understand the space
- . Carefully planned for
- . Monitored and evaluated
- . Maintained and replenished
- . Safe
- . Clean and tidy

Sign on behalf of WKN Nursery \_\_\_\_\_ Proprietor/Manager

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