**OUTSIDE PLAY POLICY**

Outside play is as important as inside, the curriculum is taken outside so that there is a flow of activities in all areas.

Being outside can offer different learning opportunities to a child rather than when they are indoors.

The outdoor environment gives children first hand experiences with the natural world, the weather and different seasons.

All children will have access to the outside area every day. Your child needs to be free to explore and experiment without the restraint of uncomfortable clothing or worry of spoiling them, please ensure that they are dressed for the appropriate weather at all times, or a provision is made whereby suitable clothing can be added if necessary.

Footwear will be assessed in accordance with the equipment being used, the weather conditions and the environment. For example, flip flops and jelly shoes are not suitable for wet and icy conditions and wellington boots will need to be provided by the parents/carers. This is to always ensure safety.

We conduct an outside risk assessment before the garden is used every time.