

At Roedean Moira House Nursery we are committed to the importance of daily outdoor play and physical development in all children regardless of their age and stage of development and in all weathers. Where possible and appropriate activities will be made accessible to children with learning difficulties and disabilities to ensure inclusive access of the outdoor area.

Children need regular access to outdoor play in order to keep fit and healthy, develop their large and fine motor skills, experience learning in a natural environment and access sunlight in order to absorb vitamin D more effectively.

The outdoor areas, both within the nursery grounds and in the local community have a wealth of experiences and resources which help children to develop in a variety of ways, including independence, exploration and investigative skills, risk taking and self-esteem, all of which support children to develop skills for now and the future.

The nursery will ensure all areas are safe and secure through close supervision and the use of robust risk assessments and safety checks. Where possible and appropriate play that helps children understand and manage risks will be planned and encouraged. This type of play allows children to explore and find their own boundaries in a safe environment with supportive practitioners. Staff are informed of the importance of safety procedures and are trained appropriately to ensure these procedures are followed effectively.

Parents' permission will be sought before any child leaves the nursery during the day. This includes short outings into the local community.

All outdoor play opportunities and outings will complement the indoor activities and provide children with purposefully planned activities that support and follow individual children's interests, and when appropriate will ask the children to contribute to the planning. There is a balance of both adult-led and child-initiated opportunities to enable children to learn and practice new skills, knowledge and behaviours.

Related policies and documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies and documents:

- Employee Handbook
- Staff Handbook
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Health Safety Handbook
- Boarding Staff Handbook
- National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools
- ISI Handbook for the Inspection of Schools, Regulatory Requirements
- Teachers' Standards
- Departmental Handbook
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Safeguarding Policy
- Nursery Policies
- Complaints Policy (Parents)
- Complaints Policy (Pupils)



ROEDEAN MOIRA HOUSE NURSERY - OUTDOOR PLAY POLICY 2018-2019

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