



## **Micheldever & Stratton Preschool Outdoor Play Policy (Revised 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020)**

*Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).*

Quality and Consistency.

A Secure Foundation.

Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

**Unique Child   Positive Partnerships   Enabling Environment   Learning and Developing**

### Introduction

Micheldever & Stratton Preschool recognises the importance of outdoor play in supporting children's learning and development and will offer opportunities for all children to use the outdoor area each day.

The only time children will not access the outdoor area will be if weather conditions are considered to be unsafe.

This policy provides guidelines on how the preschool will meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage with regard to outdoor play.

The preschool is aware of research that shows that children learn in different ways and that some children, particularly boys learn best in an outdoor environment.

All staff, students and volunteers will be aware of this policy.

### Procedure

1. All staff will be aware of the preschool's principles of outdoor play.
2. Short-term planning will include activities and provision in the outdoor area that encompass all seven areas of learning and development of the EYFS.
3. Planning will also provide opportunities for children to appreciate different seasons and weather conditions and stimulate their sensory awareness
4. Staff will positively encourage children to use the outdoor area each day and appropriate clothing will be available for all children, including wet weather suits and Wellington boots.
5. Where possible, all children will have free access to the outdoor area. Correct adult: child ratios will be maintained at all times.
6. Children will access mud and water in the outside areas so may become wet or dirty they will be changed into their spare clothing if the parent has supplied these.

### *Legislation And Guidance:*

The Children Act 2004 (Every Child Matters)

EYFS Statutory Framework and Practice Guidance (September 2015)

### Other Related Policies & Procedures

*The following policies provide additional information regarding the safeguarding and welfare of the children in our care:*

- *Safeguarding & Child Protection*
- *Confidentiality and Client Access Policy*
- *Daily Running Policy*
- *Photograph and Video Policy*
- *Equality and Diversity Policy*
- *Confidentiality Policy*
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Sen/Inclusion Policy*
- *Information Sharing Policy*
- *Children's Rights & Entitlement Policy*
- *Employment & Staffing Policy*
- *Parent Involvement*

*This policy will be monitored and evaluated at committee meetings. It will be reviewed annually and unless new legislation or an incident occurs which requires an immediate review of this policy*

**November 2022**

**Review Date: November 2024**

**\* This policy was adopted by the committee on 26/01/2021 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signed: Ruth Jeffery\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*This document was agreed via email by our Trustees as we were unable to hold our policy meeting due to the Covid-19 virus (Jan 2021)**

**Reviewed Date: 11/11/2022**

**Signature: Mrs NL Mann-Rae**

**Amendments:**

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