

Policy on Outdoor Play

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout most of the day, whatever the weather.

It is important that you dress your child for school appropriately; warm clothes and a waterproof coat when it's cold and wet; sun hat and sun screen when it's sunny.

Children get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside. We provide protective clothing for them to wear, including wellington boots, although you can provide these things for your child if you wish.

We teach children to minimise how messy they get and they do get better as this as they get older, but it's part of their learning and development – you can't expect them not to get messed up playing in mud.

Getting wet does not cause children to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around, we are prone to picking it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry. Playing outside will help children develop resilience and a love of the outdoors. We will not compromise on allowing children to play outdoors as we believe it to be an essential component of young children's learning and development. Children must be allowed to experience the world around them in a full, messy, wet environment if they are to make useful meaning of it.