



Outdoor Play Policy

At Auchinairn EYC we believe that:

- ❖ Outdoor play is central to young children's learning.
- ❖ Indoors and outdoors is viewed as one combined and integrated environment.
- ❖ Outdoors is both a teaching and learning environment, where adults interact with children to extend their knowledge, skills and concepts.
- ❖ Outdoor design and layout is given careful consideration.
- ❖ The outdoor playroom offers children the opportunity to use effective styles of learning – playing, movement and sensory experience.
- ❖ Children are given a wide range of open-ended equipment and environments.
- ❖ Children should learn to handle risks and to use their own initiative
- ❖ Children are able to control, change and modify their environment
- ❖ Children should be able to explore the forest environment

Through outdoor play we aim to:

- Enable children to develop an appreciation of natural beauty and a sense of wonder about the world
- Investigative play with areas of learning will be well resourced to allow children to use their imaginations.
- Children will be given the opportunity to respect the outdoor environment and to care for living things.
- Include the outdoor area when planning for learning
- Ensure that children enjoy energetic activity outdoors and the feeling of wellbeing that it brings
- Observe, assess and record the learning that happens outdoors
- Ensure that the outdoors offers the children the opportunity to investigate and explore, problem solve, take risks and use their imagination and creativity
- Promote nursery safety rules for children to understand and follow

Care Standards: 5.1

Child @ Centre 2: 2.1

Realising the Ambition: 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.3 & 6.2

HGIOELCC: 2.2 2.3 2.4 3.1 3.2 3.3

This policy has been reviewed and updated following consultation with staff/parents/carers

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