

Auchinairn Early Years Centre



Outdoor Play

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
- 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
- UNCRC: Article 2
- This policy has been reviewed and updated following consultation with staff/parents/carers

Signed:
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