



## Penilee Nursery School

### Outdoor Play Policy



#### Rationale

"There is significant evidence that playing outdoors is more than just fun: it can contribute positively to child development, child health, and early learning."

"We believe this is an effective way of sharing good practice and can help to improve overall quality of learning"

*My World Outdoors*

The intent of this policy is to provide clear guidelines to staff, to ensure that the same approach is employed by all and to inform parents/carers.

#### Aims:

At Penilee Nursery children will be able to:

- Access the outdoor area daily in all weathers.
- Be involved in choosing where to play and with what resources.
- Interact with other children and adults to enrich their learning, development and communication.
- Play safely outdoors.

#### Responsibilities/Resources:

At Penilee Nursery all staff will consistently

- Provide resources that enable children to self-select whilst outdoors.
- Present outdoor resources that are stimulating and engaging for all children.
- Provide a broad and balanced range of outdoor learning experiences.
- Ensure children are dressed appropriately for playing outdoors in all weathers
- Interact appropriately with children to extend their learning and development whilst outdoors
- Ensure the outdoor area is safe and secure at all times.
- Provide opportunities for mud kitchen exploration.
- Raise awareness of the benefits of outdoor play to both parents/carers and children.

At Penilee Nursery the management team will:

- Be responsible for providing appropriate training for staff in outdoor learning.
- Contact any other agencies who may be able to assist with funding for further outdoor play resources.
- Support new staff and students in employing the guidelines for appropriate play outdoors.

### **Risk Assessment**

The staff will ensure the relevant risk assessment paperwork is completed before taking children outdoors. At the end of each week risk assessments will be gathered by allocated outdoor staff member to be archived in risk assessment folder in management office.

### **Record Keeping**

Weekly cleaning record will be updated to ensure cleaning of outdoor resources.

### **Evaluation**

Penilee Nursery School's outdoor policy will be evaluated with reference to the guidelines provided by Glasgow City Council, The Scottish Executive and Care Inspectorate.

### **Review**

Penilee Nursery School's outdoor policy will be reviewed as part of the Nursery's Self Evaluation cycle. It will also take into account any new recommendations from Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Executive and Care Inspectorate.

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