



Outdoor Play Policy

Bumble & Bloom Childcare

Outdoor play is central to children's development, health and wellbeing. This policy sets out how we make outdoor time part of every day.

Daily outdoor play

- Children have access to outdoor play every day, in all reasonable weather.
- We plan a mix of garden, park and local nature outings each week.
- Children are encouraged to run, climb, dig, splash, build and explore at their own pace.

Clothing and equipment

- Parents provide weather-appropriate clothing including waterproofs, sun hats, warm layers and spare clothes.
- We provide wellies, sun cream and additional warm layers where needed.
- Outdoor equipment is checked before use.

Learning outdoors

- Outdoor play supports all seven areas of learning in the EYFS.
- We plan activities linked to seasons, weather, wildlife and children's interests.
- Children help with planting, watering, harvesting and caring for outdoor spaces.

Safety

- A risk assessment is completed for the garden and any outing.
- Adult:child ratios and boundaries are agreed before outdoor play.
- Children are never out of adult sight or hearing.

Review

- This policy is reviewed annually.