



Outing Policy

Outings are fun learning experiences for children, covering many of the aspects of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage including understanding the world, people and communities, health and self-care, literacy, numeracy, physical development, self-confidence and self-awareness.

Parents/carers are asked to sign, as part of the registration process, to give permission for their child to be taken on walks in the local area. Our regular local outings include welly walks, visits to the Redhouse Park, Playclose Park and Purton House Organic farm, visits to the Library for story time and to choose books to borrow.

When an outing is organised the minimum staff ratios of 1 adult to 4 children for two year olds and 1 adult to 6 children who are three years or older are always maintained. It is usually increased when the outing involves crossing a road or walking alongside a road, such as our outings to the library.

Children and adults always wear high visibility waistcoats and a knotted rope is used for children to hold on to when walking beside or across a road.

All members of staff hold a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate. Risk assessments are carried out for all outings.

The manager must ensure that the following equipment is taken on all outings:

- The register
- Contact numbers and medical information for all children
- First aid kit
- Emergency medication required by any children attending
- Pre-school mobile phone
- Manager's mobile phone as a spare

If the outing is outside of the village a new permission slip will need to be signed to ensure the parents/carers have been made aware of, and agree to the trip. This will be planned carefully and well in advance, ensuring all transport we are planning to use has been fully checked and recorded.