



At Little Sprouts, we take the protection and safety of the children that attend our setting very seriously. Whilst children are in our care it is every staff members responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment for them to explore and develop to their full potential.

### Outdoor Policy

The plans set in place, before the children can access the garden:

- 1) The outside garden must be checked first thing in the morning for foreign bodies, any vandalism, glass or dangerous objects.
- 2) Check for any fungi or stagnant water
- 3) The gate should be locked securely at all times when the children are out in the garden.
- 4) Members of staff outside with the children must be vigilant of members of the public/dogs that may be near the perimeter of our garden.
- 5) The outside area must be inspected daily as part of the health and safety checks. (See daily check folder)
- 6) The steps must be kept clear of objects that cause trips and falls.
- 7) Shading should be put up in place during the hot periods of the summer weather.
- 8) Once children have finished playing outside in the garden they will be encouraged to wash their hands once back inside the setting.

Part of our 'Promoting Children's Learning and Development' policy is the importance of the children accessing the outdoor environment to help towards their development, for this we have put in place a log book, for both rooms, to record which children access the garden and at what times of the day.

Managers Signature .....

Managers Name .....

Date. ....

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