

Inverbrothock Out of School Care Club

Charity Number: SC030097

Outdoor learning policy

At Inverbrothock Out of School Care Club we operate an outdoor learning policy. Outdoor learning is an important part of learning and development and must be promoted within our setting. Being outdoors engaging in physical activity can help improve children's health and wellbeing. We believe that outdoor play is essential to children, and they must be able to play outdoors daily.

As staff we will:

- Allow children to engage in outdoor play daily whatever the weather.
- Ensure that children are being offered a wide range of activities whilst in the outdoor area supporting and encouraging their individual creativity.
- Allow the children to develop personal, social, and emotional learning through outdoor play. Children should also be encouraged to develop numeracy, communication, language, and literacy through outdoor play.
- Ensure that the organisation and management support children in initiating and developing their own ideas and interests.
- Children can participate in risk-taking play and are able to help in writing risk assessments.
- Take an interest in what the children are engaging in the outdoors.
- Document learning and development in their personal portfolio.
- Ensure that the range of equipment allows children to work in small and large groups.
- Use publications such as loose parts and space to grow to develop our own practice.
- Undertake as much training as we can to learn about and support learning in the outdoors.

Outdoor play is an important part of the children's day to day routine, and this must be met.

The above policy is approved and hereby adopted by the IOOSCC Committee

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