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Section 1. The learning and development requirements.

Outdoor Play Policy

Topsham House Day Nursery understands the importance of outdoor play for the social and physical development of children.

Children are given the opportunity to play outside throughout the year weather permitting.

During the summer months when the sun is hot children are not allowed out to play between the hours of 11am and 3pm to avoid the sun's harmful rays. However we do have 3 sun canopies's which the children may sit underneath. If necessary this period is increased well into the afternoon if the temperature is particularly hot. Parents are required to supply sunhats and cream. Children are not permitted outside unless protected.

Children are fully supervised at all times. A minimum of 2 staff will be outdoors at any time.

When the grass area and patio area are in use a minimum of one member of staff will be supervising each area, and each piece of large play equipment. (2x staff on pirate ship)

During the colder months children must be supplied with appropriate gloves, coat, hat and footwear, such as Wellington boots. A change of footwear is required for inside the premises.

Amendments may be made to accommodate weather conditions. A regulation of Topsham House's Planning permission states that the garden cannot be used for outdoor play after 5pm.

Please Note

The policies of Topsham House are under continual review in the light of team discussions and its effectiveness. Policies may be amended at any date and any revisions are handed to staff accordingly.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
21/05/2014	<i>Karen Haylett</i>	<i>June 2015</i>