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Policy on Outdoor Learning

All children will be given the opportunity to explore and learn outside throughout most of the day whatever the weather.

It is important that you dress your child for school appropriately: warm clothes and waterproof coat when it is cold and/or wet; sun hat and sun screen when it is sunny.

Children get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside. We provide protective clothing for them to wear, including wellington boots, although you can provide these things for your child if you wish.

We teach children how to minimise how messy they get and they do get better at this as they get older, but it is part of their learning and development – they will get a bit dirty when they are playing in mud.

We will not compromise on allowing children to play outdoors as we believe it to be an essential component of young children's learning and development.

Children must be allowed to experience the world around them in a full, messy, muddy, wet environment if they are to make useful meaning of it.

Getting wet does not cause us to get a cold. If the cold virus is around, we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry.