



Colgrain Primary School & Pre-5 unit

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Outdoor Play and Learning Policy

This policy is underpinned by the UNCRC and Health and Social care Standards as reflected below.

Articles of the UNCRC (the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)	
Article 3	The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.
Article 12	(respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.
Article 24	(health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.
Article 31	(leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Rationale

Children should enjoy energetic activity both indoors and outdoors and the feeling of well-being that it brings. Outdoor play at Colgrain provides a multi-sensory environment, which responds to individual learning styles. It compliments and enhances all aspects of children's development and learning through its physical, open-ended nature.

Aim

To create opportunities to explore and learn through play in outdoor environments.

Objectives

- To enjoy outdoor activity throughout the seasons.
- To investigate and experiment with a variety of natural resources.
- To make discoveries using senses.
- To use language to describe, explain, predict, ask questions and develop ideas.
- To develop an appreciation of natural beauty and a sense of wonder about the world.
- To care about personal safety.
- To care for the environment both within the Colgrain campus and beyond & create an awareness of wider environmental issues.



Implementation

Colgrain staff will:

- Provide resources that allow children to self-select and make decisions.
- Present resources in a stimulating manner.
- Provide resources that link to many areas of the curriculum.
- Ensure that children are dressed for all weather conditions.
- Interact with children to extend and support their learning.
- Model a positive attitude to outdoor play.
- Ensure that the outdoor area is adequate, safe, secure and report any concerns immediately to the Lead Practitioner and Head Teacher.
- Raise parental awareness of the importance of Colgrain outdoors.
- Encourage parental involvement in outdoor activities.
- Encourage opportunities started in the nursery to be extended into the home environment.
- Plan in responsive was to ensure continuation of indoor/outdoor learning.
- Make observations of all aspects of outdoor play and learning involved.

Staff will adhere to guidance from Argyll and Bute's 3 Assets Approach, My world Outdoors and Realising the Ambition.

I have read and understood this policy.

Staff Name - Print and Sign	Date Reviewed		
Chelsey Dolan	March 23	August 24	
Sandra Cunningham	March 23	August 24	
Wilma Brown	March 23	August 24	
Gillian Dougan	March 23	August 24	
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Angela Collins	March 23	August 24	
Courtney Williams	August 24	August 24	
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Cherri Clemmett	August 24		
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