

Cranford Outings Policy and Outdoor Curriculum Policy

Outings:

Child staff ratios

1 Adult to 8 children from age 2 years to 7 years

Two staff members at all time so there is support in case of an accident or if children need the toilet.

A First Aid kit will be taken on the trip

Children's emergency contacts

Children's register

Child medicines for example inhaler

Drinks and snacks

A risk assessment will be completed before the outing

If in a vehicle then the children will wear seat belts and if younger be in booster seats, the driver will be a designated driver or if a taxi then seatbelts will be worn.

Children will not be left unsupervised in a vehicle

We have a 6 seater pram, plus a double pram for outings

We have "walking ropes" and ropes that are attached to the children for safety.

Children and staff wear high viz jackets with the name and number of the nursery on the back.

Staff take a mobile phone with them in case of emergency's. Staff are not authorised to use their phones unless it is to take photographs of the outing and emergencies.

Outdoor Policy (in the nursery garden).

The garden is somewhere all children at Cranford can extend their learning beyond the classroom.

The garden is a fantastic resource – and is used in all weathers, it can be used spontaneously and for an extended length of time.

All children and staff should have appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

Children must wear sun hats and sun cream in warm weather and staff will always re-apply sun cream to children who stay for a full day. All parents sign the registration form to agreeing to staff applying sun cream.

The garden is part of the planning and curriculum. All staff evaluate the outdoor curriculum on a regular basis.

The staff set the areas of the garden up, but also:

Check the garden for litter, broken glass, fences and other dangerous obstacles.

The staff setting up the garden will ensure that all lifting and carrying of play equipment is done safely, as heavier equipment will require two members of staff.

When the children go outside, they are head-counted on the steps and are reminded to walk.

A head count is done before going back inside again. Any accidents that occur outside must be recorded in the accident book and parent informed at the end of the day.

All materials and equipment must be checked regularly and any broken equipment discarded or mended.

All staff and children will tidy away together

ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS MUST LIFT CAREFULLY AND NEVER LIFT HEAVY ITEMS ON THEIR OWN.

We have a large garden with space to run freely, but we also set up different learning areas within the garden, so that children can access distinct areas where something special to that area take place.

CONSTRUCTION

Hollow blocks, cardboard boxes, tyres, cones (hard hats and construction tools for role play opportunities) but also small scale construction such as Lego, Cars and Garage and other small world play

WATER PLAY

Water tray, buckets, tubes, funnels, basters and sponges (to pour, transfer and experiment) and access to the water tap
Painting with water (paint rollers and brushes), Washing cars, trikes, chairs and dolls

SAND PLAY

Sand box with spades, spoons, buckets, containers, sand wheel

CLIMBING FRAME/BALANCING BEAM

To climb onto, hide inside, crawl through, pretend play/walk across, balance on one leg, jump off/swinging, experiencing risk

ART AREA

Art trolley with various art materials, easel and drying rack

QUIET AREA

Rug with cushions, books and cuddly toys – the tepee to hide inside (summer only)

GROWING AREA

Watering cans, plastic pots, soil, seeds and bulbs

MUSIC AREA

Instruments in a box, but also hanging pots and pans to play with wooden and metal spoons etc.

MINIBEAST GARDEN AND SENSORIAL GARDEN

To see the natural world, with logs, rocks, stones, tree stumps, twigs and weeds. Provide magnifying glasses and reference books.

TABLES FOR PUZZLES/WRITING/INDIVIDUAL WORK

WEATHER BOXES with resources and books with a rainy day or windy day theme for example.

PARACHUTE GAMES/BEAN BAGS/BALLS/HOOPS

TRIKES, SMALL PUSH ALONG CARS, HOBBY HORSES, BROOMS FOR SWEEPING