



## **Outdoor Play Policy**

Children benefit from being taken outside to play and is now a requirement of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). It is our intention to give all children the Opportunity and experience of the outdoors environment. At St. Mark's Pre-School we believe that outdoor play enhances a child's learning experience and general wellbeing. Staff in our setting ensure that there are procedures to keep children safe whilst taking part in outdoor play. All staff and volunteers are aware of and follow the procedures below.

### **Procedures**

- There is a risk assessment carried out each day in order to assess the weather conditions, outside temperatures and play surfaces, which is reviewed regularly.
- All risk assessments are made available for parents to see.
  - The amount of equipment, number of children will vary and be consistent with the activities on offer as well as how long they will be out for.
  - Children will require outdoor coats and appropriate footwear for outdoor play during the colder weather. Staff will help children to put on coats and footwear. We provide waterproof trousers and coats for children to wear over their clothes
  - Consideration is given to any children who maybe too hot, cold or feeling unwell and will be returned to the main hall with members of staff if they request it.

An area of shade will be provided for the children during the hotter months.

- Sun hats should be provided by parents and sun cream applied before arriving at Pre School.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_