**Outdoor Policy**

At Flexi-Minder, we are committed to providing a wide variety of learning experiences for each child. This includes regular opportunities for sustained periods of play in a rich and stimulating outdoor environment. The outdoors offers a wide range of [benefits](http://lotc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Benefits-for-Early-Years-LOtC-Final-5AUG09.pdf) to babies, toddlers and young children.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum places strong emphasis on the importance and value of daily outdoor experiences for children’s learning and development.

We are committed to ensuring that all children will have regular access to the outdoors. As part of their daily routine, the team will make use of the outdoor areas that Stretford has to offer. We will visit Victoria Park, Longford Park, the canal and St Matthew’s Church garden. We are committed to making an outdoor visit at least once every day. This is, of course, weather permitting and providing the children have the right clothing for the weather. (asked for in induction pack and on monthly newsletters)

Suitable clothing

We ask that parents provide their child with suitable clothing for the time of year to allow their child to play outdoors. This also includes parents providing the nursery with sun-cream for their child.

Bad Weather

During times of bad weather, time that would normally be spent outdoors will instead be spent playing indoor games that will support the children’s physical development. Also, when the weather is bad, we sometimes take trips to Stretford Library where we are members and also to our local shops.

This policy should be considered alongside other related policies:

* Accident and injury policy
* Lost child policy

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