

## GREAT CHTSHILL NURSERY OUTDOORS LEARNING POLICY

### Statement of Intent

This setting believes that it is important to provide a rich and varied environment, which helps the children develop the confidence to explore and progress their development and learning. Being outdoors has a positive effect on children and offers a range of opportunities, which compliment those provided indoors.

### Aims

We aim to provide a safe, stimulating outdoor experience where space is used effectively to enable children to explore a broad and balanced curriculum using a range of stimulating resources, suitable to their individual needs.

### Methods

We have two outdoor areas, which can be used to provide a variety of experiences.

#### The Patio

This is a small area where we provide four or five activities similar to those indoors. These range from sand and water play, construction, small world, mark making, role-play in the pop up house and music.

Due to the size of the patio any physical activities are low energy.

We use this area to explore changes in the natural world. There is enough space to play with soil and trowels and plant seeds and bulbs in pots.

#### The Playing fields

This is a larger area, which allows the child to run around and use larger scale equipment such as climbing frames, slides, larger see saw, rockers, trampolines and ride on toys. We also use bats, balls, hoops etc in this area.

We can also use this space to explore nature by observing the changing weather, plants and trees as the children play.

When the weather is fine and warm we use this space for picnic snacks, lunch club and story time.

#### Safety

The children's security is of the utmost importance at all times.

When playing on the patio we ensure that the safety barriers are across.

A member of staff is present with the children at all times.

Adult: Child ratios are maintained.

Before using the grassed area we check check the equipment for rain and dirt and the ground for any rubbish.

We use the playing fields as a whole group, supervised by enough adults to maintain ratios.