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**THE HEATHERS NURSERY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY 8: ALL WEATHER POLICY

All Weather Policy

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environment	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping Safe 1.4 Health & Well Being	2.2 Parents as partners	3.3 The learning environment	4.1 Play & exploration 4.2 Active learning

Statement

At The Heathers Nursery, children will spend time outdoors in all weathers, all year round, and as they explore the outdoor environment it is inevitable that on occasions they will get wet and muddy.

It is necessary for children to bring suitable outdoor clothing such as warm/waterproof coats and wellies, or sun hats depending on the weather.

Please ensure your child is dressed in clothes that are easily washable or not too new and ensure that outdoor and indoor clothing is suitable for children to play in and move around in.

Whilst every care will be taken to protect children's clothes during play, it is not always appropriate to insist that children wear aprons as this can deter them from participating fully in an activity

The Heathers Nursery will not be held responsible for damage to children's clothing during their time at nursery.

Aim

We aim to keep the outside area open to the free access of the children in the nursery building and keep the free flow play in and out. For children in the classroom outside time is achieved by offering the opportunity for all children during session times or by mixing the two rooms into the nursery building for the entire session.

It is very beneficial for the children to go out and learn about the world and themselves through having lots of fun in the sun, wind, rain and snow.

Procedures

What to wear

- At The Heathers Nursery we encourage children to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes.
- Please bear in mind that clothing that is easy for them to manage will help them to do this - so no belts on trousers please.
- All items **MUST** be named.

Hot Weather

Sun Lotion

- Sun lotion should be applied prior to your child arriving at nursery
- If your child is attending a full day session staff will apply sun lotion to your child as necessary.
- Parental permission to apply sun lotion to your child will have been obtained in advance.
- Parents will be sent an image of the sun lotion brand used at nursery and if this is not acceptable, parents will be required to provide us with their sun lotion in a named bottle to be kept at nursery.

Hats

- Sun hats will help protect children from the sun when they play outside. Please supply a named sunhat for your child and help us by encouraging them to use it.

Tee-shirts

- These should cover children's arms/shoulders so as to provide extra protection from the sun during hot weather.

Footwear

- Strappy sandals, flip flops, crocs without ankle straps and open toed shoes are not permitted at The Heathers Nursery for health and safety reasons.

Cold Weather

Coats

- a warm coat is essential for children to enjoy being outside. Please ensure that it is a named coat that children can move around in and that they won't worry about getting dirty.

Gloves

- please provide named gloves for your child.

Hats

- please provide a named hat that will help your child to stay warm outside during cold weather.

Wet Weather

Waterproof coats

- we have a supply of waterproof coats but if your child has their own then please bring these (named) particularly on wet days.

Waterproof trousers

- we have a supply of waterproof trousers but if your child has their own then please bring these (named) particularly on wet days.

Wellington boots

- boots are essential on wet days and we have a limited supply of wellington boots available for the children to use. It is also useful for children to bring their own named pair on wet days and other days so that they can play in the digging area.

Rain hats

- if your child's coat does not have a hood, a named rain hat would be useful.

In order to protect the carpet at nursery, a pair of named indoor shoes or slippers will be needed for indoor wear, particularly in wet weather.

Please label all belongings with your child's name as young children do not always recognise their own clothes, shoes or bags.