

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

EYFS



Policy on Outdoor Area

Date of next review: July 2019

Policy Statement

At St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy we believe that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our outdoor area a safe and happy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers. We aim to make children, parents, staff and volunteers aware of health and safety issues and to minimise the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a health and safe environment.

1. Outdoor Area

- 1.1 Our outdoor area is securely fenced/locked.
- 1.2 Our outdoor area is checked for safety and cleared of rubbish before it is used.
- 1.3 Adults and children are alerted to the dangers of poisonous plants, herbicides and pesticides.
- 1.4 Our outdoor sand pit is covered when not in use and is cleaned regularly.
- 1.5 All outdoor activities are supervised at all times.
- 1.6 Our daily routines encourage the children to learn about personal hygiene.
- 1.7 We have a schedule for cleaning resources and equipment, dressing up clothes and furnishings.
- 1.8 The layout of the play equipment allows adults and children to move safely and freely between activities.
- 1.9 All equipment is regularly checked for cleanliness and safety, and any dangerous items are repaired or discarded.