



## Nature Garden Policy

Our Nature Garden is at the back of the Village Hall and we need to ensure children's safety and well being at all times. This policy stipulates the procedure that will be followed when either all the children attending the school or a small group of children go into the Nature Garden.

### General

- Parents will be asked to sign a permission form to ensure they are happy for their child to go into the Nature Garden.
- A daily check list is completed before the children are allowed into the Nature Garden. This is done prior to children entering the nature garden.
- Staff will be able to contact each other from the Nature Garden to the Main Village Hall via Walkie Talkies.
- Water will be available for the children. Staff will take a jug of water and cups with them into the Nature Garden.
- The first aid box will be taken into the Nature Garden when all the children go, if only a small group, then the first aid box will remain in the Village Hall but a basic first aid kit will be taken out to the Nature Garden.
- If any of the children going to the Nature Garden require any ongoing medicine or emergency items - these will be taken to the garden with them.

### How to get to and from the Nature Garden

- Children will leave the hall in pairs, crocodile fashion.
- The children will be calmly and safely walked out in this line.
- Children will be led into the Nature Garden and the gate will be secured behind them by the member(s) of staff. Ratio's will always be adhered to.
- Whenever children go out to the Nature Garden a separate register will be taken for those children.

### Toilet

- All children will be asked if they require the toilet prior to going out to the Nature Garden.
- If a toilet run is required whilst in the Nature Garden, the staff will manage this using the walkie talkies and ensuring ratio's are not compromised or by bringing all children back into the main building.

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