



Meir Heath Academy
Outdoor Learning Policy

AIMS

At Meir Heath Academy we aim to enable all pupils to:

- Have experience of active involvement in outdoor learning
- Develop new skills individually and in groups
- Maximise the use of the outdoor classroom

THE ROLE OF THE outdoor learning COORDINATOR

The coordinator will:

- Take the lead in policy development and the production of schemes of work designed to ensure progress and continuity alongside staff and throughout the school
- Support colleagues and give help, when required, in their implementation of the scheme of work
- Monitor and get feedback from staff and pupils and advise the Principal on any action required
- Keep up-to-date with developments in outdoor learning education.
- Ensure that the Health and Safety policy has been read and is followed throughout the sessions.

THE ROLE OF THE CLASS TEACHER

It is the responsibility of every class teacher:

- To ensure children are prepared for the session – correct clothing etc. and that parents have been informed of the sessions.
- Check that the outdoor area is safe is to use
- Ensure that the children with Medical needs have the red bag ready to go out into the outdoor classroom.

OUTLINE OF TEACHING STRATEGIES TO BE ADOPTED

All pupils will gain a variety of learning experiences through a combination of whole class work, group work and individual activities. Practical exploration of the outdoor classroom will be central to all lessons.

PLANNING /MONITORING/ASSESSMENT

All teachers will:

- Liaise with outdoor learning coordinator to aid the planning of lessons in accordance with the sequence and time-scale indicated in the scheme of work
- Feedback their records/notes /observations to the coordinator at the end of each session verbally.
- Share and celebrate the sessions on Twitter.