OUTSIDE PLAY POLICY

At St. John's Sunshine Pre School, the children's safety is a high priority, therefore the following will occur prior to children accessing the outside areas.

With the hard surface play area, we run a free flow system where the children can access the area during the session as and when they wish. Children will need to change to their outdoor shoes and wear appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather e.g., coat, sun hat. If your child does not have these they may be limited to short periods outside to ensure their health and safety.

Hard Surface play area;

- Ensure that there are no animal faeces in the area.
- Ensure all toys and equipment are safe and are not damaged.
- Set the area up from the daily planning.
- Check to ensure that the gate is locked and alarmed.
- Check the fence panels to ensure none are damaged.
- One member of staff will always be based in the outside area with the children.

Grassed outside area;

- Check for animal faeces and clear up if found.
- Check all the equipment is safe to be used.
- Empty out dirty water from water tray/ funnels.
- Check to ensure that no holly or yew berries are on the ground if so sweep up and dispose safely.
- Set the area up ready for the day.
- Ensure the padlock is on the gate.
- Two members of staff to always be with the children unless one is observing the children entering the building.