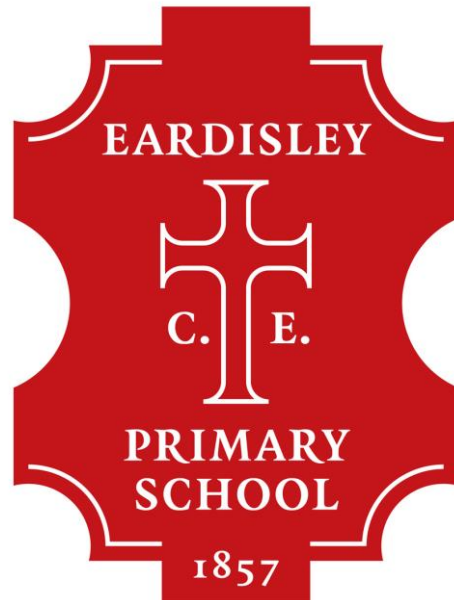


Eardisley CE Primary School



Learning Outside the Classroom Policy

Date Agreed: Summer 2017

At Eardisley CE Primary School we are passionate about inspiring a love of learning through use of the outdoor environment.

Aims and Objectives:

- To develop Learning Outside the Classroom as an entitlement for all children.
- To ensure high-quality provision through Learning Outside the Classroom experiences
- To deliver a wide range of progressive and frequent Learning Outside the Classroom activities for all year groups
- To provide children with Learning Outside the Classroom experiences that promote personal development and well-being
- To design the curriculum so that it includes progressive experiences for all children
- To improve the effectiveness of Learning Outside the Classroom through concerted planning and evaluation of outcomes.

Definition

At Eardisley CE Primary School, Learning Outside the Classroom takes place in our wonderful school field, playground and designated class outdoor areas. It takes place in the beautiful neighbourhood of Eardisley and in our superb locally based Forest School, kindly loaned to us by governor Andy Layton. Outdoor learning also includes day and residential visits in the UK.

Strategies for successful Learning Outside the Classroom

- Our outdoor learning areas make a significant contribution to an effective learning environment, and as such our school has invested considerable resources into their improvement and maintenance. These include outdoor suits and wellingtons, a variety of equipment and a nature trail and outdoor learning circle.
- All children at Eardisley School can take part in learning outside the classroom. Children have opportunities to take part in planned Forest School activities as well as a range of activities related specifically to the curriculum.
- Outdoor learning is planned within and across subjects including mathematics, English and science to enhance and develop children's understanding of concepts. This ensures continuity and progression as well as a range of purposeful experiences.
- Learning Outside the Classroom also takes place at a range of other accredited sites.
- Staff at Eardisley CE Primary School have undertaken professional development in this area and are able to make provision across a range of subjects and in a range of environments.
- In order to provide the best possible experiences for our children, we are pro-active in developing partnerships with providers and people of talent.
- Where possible we seek to celebrate achievement – e.g. through using digital cameras (and linking to ICT) and displays.
- We offer currently two outdoor learning clubs: Nature Club and Gardening Club, both of which are free to children and are designed to enable children to pursue and develop their interests beyond the school day.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation is crucial in improving the standards of teaching and learning through analysis of its place in pupil progress and attainment.

Monitoring and Evaluation of learning outside the classroom takes place through learning visit evaluations and individual lesson evaluations. The quality of the learning environment is also subject to regular monitoring reviews, including Health and Safety reviews.

The Role of the Outdoor Learning Coordinator

The Outdoor Learning Coordinator is responsible for:

- Taking the lead in policy development
- Auditing and supporting colleagues in their CPD, purchasing and organising resources
- Keeping up to date with developments in learning outside the classroom.

Parental Involvement

Parents support the learning outside the classroom by taking part in fundraising and supporting visits and forest school activities.

Please read this policy in conjunction with our:

- Educational Visits Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy.