

## Outdoor area

- Our outdoor area is securely fenced.
- The gate is securely padlocked and children are unable to gain access to the area beyond.
- All outdoor equipment is stored safely and securely.
- Our outdoor area is checked for safety and cleared of rubbish before it is used.
- Our outdoor area is checked for any animal faeces before use.
- Adults and children are alerted to the dangers of poisonous plants, herbicides and pesticides.
- Where water can form a pool on equipment, it is emptied before children start playing outside.
- Our outdoor sand pit is covered when not in use and is cleaned regularly.
- The children are always supervised with the correct staff to child ratios outside.
- The children are encouraged to have free access to the outside area despite the weather. Extra outdoor clothing is supplied by Alderton Acorns.
- During the summer months great care is taken to ensure adequate shade.

## Sunsmart Policy

**During the summer months the following sunsmart guidelines should be followed:**

- A hat to be sent in with each child each day. Hats should be either wide brimmed or legionnaire style.
- Children should wear clothes that cover shoulders.
- Sunscreen is applied to bare areas of skin by parents/carers before Pre-school.
- On whole day sessions, staff will reapply sunscreen at lunchtimes when requested by the parent/carer. Parents to supply their own sun screen.

At Pre-school the following protective measures have been instigated:

- A large sail shade and/or gazebo will be erected to provide an area of shade.
- Children will play outside before 11am when practical.
- All children will be asked to wear a hat when playing outside.
- There will be some spare hats for children who have forgotten their own.
- Staff will wear appropriate clothing and hats outside to set a good example.
- Ensure that fresh water is available for the children at all times.