



Dressing and Outdoor Play Procedure

Unlock Playground before School begins!

It is important to unlock the playground before the program begins so it is ready for easy access once the children are dressed and ready.

Time to dress

When it is decided that it is time to go outside all teachers and volunteers / students shall aid in dressing the children for outdoor play.

It is advised that the preschool classes do dressing time in 2 smaller groups. This provides a more calm environment and a quieter time for everyone. The children are encouraged to try their best to do things independently with a teacher close by to offer assistance when needed.

One group can get dressed in the hallway by the hooks and the other group can choose to dress in the block room or in the book area of the craft room. At all times there will be a staff with them. Our assistant teacher or volunteer will be sure that all of the winter gear is brought to the teacher choosing to dress in a different room / area. Proper Ratio must be maintained at all times!

When the entire group of children (8:1 for preschool) or (5:1 for Toddlers) are completely dressed and ready, one teacher will exit the dressing area with their group. The Teachers Back Pack needs to go outside with the class. Children are instructed to put their backpacks by the fence. The teacher will open the gate and make sure all children have entered the playground.

When the 2nd group is ready they will exit together as one group with their teacher.

Higher Needs - If there are children with higher needs who can not wait for the others to be ready, it will be arranged for our Enhanced Support Staff or Assistant Teacher to take them out to the playground as soon as they are ready and the assistant staff will await the arrival of the other groups and teachers. Once the first group of children have joined them outside and ratio is met then the assistant teacher can return inside to help with the second group and complete the other duties.

Challenging Behaviour - If one child is having a difficult time dressing and is struggling, it is advised for one teacher to take the children who are ready outside and have the Assistant Teacher (if available) to remain with the child who is in need of extra attention. The Assistant

can then give this child their full attention and help.

Note: No child must ever be left in any area without adult supervision.

Playground Supervision

When 3 teachers are present:

Teacher # 1: posted at the gate to observe the children entering and exiting the playground.

Teacher # 2: posted at the sandbox area.

Teacher # 3: posted at the climber area.

For classes where only 2 teachers are present:

Teacher # 1: posted near the gate and the sandbox area so as to observe the children entering and exiting the playground

Teacher # 2: posted at the climber area