



Crank Nursery, Crank Hill Crank, St Helens, WA11 7SD Tel: 01744 886166 Email: info@cranknursery.co.uk

Visits & Outings

As part of their learning and development children at the nursery undertake a range of local outings including walks, visits, etc. off the premises. Permission will be sought for your child to be included in such outings. Outings and visits are planned to enhance the learning opportunities inside the nursery environment and extend play opportunities for children.

These will be carefully planned and the following guidelines will be followed on all outings from the nursery, whatever the length or destination of the visit:

Written permission will always be obtained from parents before taking children on trips

Appropriate staffing levels for outings depend on how the safety and the individual needs of the children can be assured

At least one member of staff will hold a valid and current paediatric first aid certificate

A fully stocked first aid box will always be taken on all outings along with any special medication or equipment required

Regular headcounts will be carried out throughout the outing. Timings of headcounts will be discussed in full with the nursery manager prior the outing

All staff will be easily recognisable by other members of the group; they will wear the nursery uniform and adults will use the reflective safety waistcoats if needed when using public roads / footpaths

Children will be easily identified by staff when on a trip by use of a sticker system with the nursery's name on

A fully charged nursery mobile will be taken as a means of emergency contact

In the event of an accident, staff will assess the situation, if required the group will return to nursery immediately and parents will be contacted to collect their child. In the event of a serious accident an ambulance will be called at the scene, as well as parents being contacted. One member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital, and the rest of the group will return to the nursery

A pre-visit checklist and risk assessment will always be carried out before the outing. We will endeavour to visit the venue prior to the visit. This will ensure that the chosen venue is appropriate for the age, stage and development of the children.

We carry out and review full risk assessment prior to any excursion i.e. local footpath, roads, outdoor play policy.



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Part of Crank Day Nursery early year's curriculum is to ensure all children have opportunities to access outdoor play throughout the year. In order to do this it is important to ensure your children have the appropriate clothing / protection.

Our learning environment includes all the available indoor and outdoor provisions, our outdoor play compliments and extends activities that are provided indoors.

Our outdoor area provides excellent opportunities for extending your child's physical development and also provides ideal opportunities for large scale construction, creative work, sand, water, knowledge of the wider world and exploration.

Outdoor play provides great opportunities to play co-operatively, sharing resources, turn taking, negotiating, communicating ideas and developing friendships. Physical activity is enjoyable and promotes a sense of self esteem through achievements. Some kinds of learning can only take place outside. Children need freedom to be safely adventurous.

The following guidance is to help you as parents understand our policy on outdoor play.

Spring/Summer

Children will not be allowed to access outdoor play in hot weather unless they have the appropriate protection.

Sun hats.

Sun cream – You must provide your own sun cream but this must be of an appropriate factor and quality.

In very hot weather staff will make day to day decisions about the length of time spent outside dependant on the strength of the sun.

Drinks: Children will have free access to drinks at all times.

Autumn/Winter

Please be prepared for your child to get wet and dirty as this is just part of the learning journey. During the winter months we would ensure the children have the opportunity to experience a range of weather i.e. snow, wind, ice, to do this we need to ensure that children have appropriate clothing.

Drinks: again children have free access to drinking water

Clothing: Hats / gloves / warm coats / wellies – please ensure that all clothing is **named**.

When the weather is very cold we would ensure that children are out for limited periods only.